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Early Day photo of James S. Hull, now living in Brigham City, Utah, who built the first house in Taber in July, 1903.



First house built in Taber by James S. Hull, July 1903. By fall additional houses were built by the Differding, W. F. Russell, Sam Wing and George Lee families, all located about a block apart along the north side of the Railway. The Taber hotel was built in 1905 by Mr. Hull.

### FIRST THREE TOWNSITE PLANS

#### FIRST PLAN "TABOR" 5345 L

Registered Feb. 23, 1905.

Section 5-10-16-W4th, 640 Acres.

The first plan was dated the 15th of July, 1905, and was registered by R. A. VanOrman, William Probert and W. F. Russell as owners, and A. L. Wood was a witness to the signatures. The Dominion Land Surveyor was R. J. Gordon.

#### SECOND PLAN "TABOR" 5638 L.

Registered March 7, 1906.

Pt. N. Ry. NW¼ 32-9-16-W4th, About 45 acres.

The second plan was registered by James S. Hull, and the Dominion Land Surveyor was R. C. Gordon.

This location is the present main business section.

#### THIRD PLAN "TABER" 6390 L.

Registered March 30, 1906.

Pt. S. Ry. NW¼ 32-9-16-W4th, About 95 Acres.

The third plan was registered by William Cousins, Frederick H. Mayhew, and Robert Joseph Harlow, all of Medicine Hat. The plan was dated March 13, 1906, and the Dominion Land Surveyor was Archibald W. McVitie.

According to the following official notice in the Gazette of the North West Territories from Regina, the Village of Tabor was formally declared by Order on the 15th of March, 1905;

Regina, Wednesday, March 15, 1905.

Under the provisions of The Village Ordinance, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to order the establishment of Section 5, Township 10, Range 18, West of the Fourth Meridian, as a Village under the name of Tabor; that Monday the Third day of April, 1905, be the day fixed for the election of an Overseer of the said Village; and that W. F. Russell, of Tabor, Alberta, be appointed to act as Returning Officer at the said election.

Sgd. John A. Reid,  
Clerk Executive Council.

### THREE VILLAGE TRUSTEES



R. A. Vandorman



W. F. Russell



William Probert



Photo likely taken in fall of 1906. The white building in the distance to the right is the Royal Hotel which was built this year.



This photo taken at the same time as above picture, but after the dray and buggy drove away. There are three buildings to the right of the two storey Westlake building. At least one or two of these buildings must have been moved away to make room for the Douglas stone building which was under construction in February 1907.



A 1903 photo with a tandem team covered wagon tied up at the hitching post.



A 1906 or early 1907 photo. Note the mounted police on a horse.



Photo likely taken in spring of 1907, as the Douglas stone building to the right is under construction and not finished with the six-window roof as a third storey. The flooded street may be from the spring thaw.



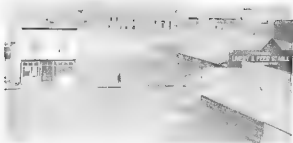
The photo indicates 1906, which is not correct as the Douglas stone building was not finished until the spring of 1907. Note the Jas. R. Milligan farm land sign, and the circular sign below is Post Office.



Photo taken in 1907 or 1908. Mr. W. W. Douglas owner of the Taber Trading Co. Limited, is one of the group standing in the doorway. The last building down the street is the Presbyterian church.



In 1907 photo of rear of Taber Trading and Douglas stone buildings. The Union Hotel located on the south side of Railway street is visible over the roof of the C.P.R. station. James S. Hull built the hotel in 1900 and rented to J. Dobbs for six years to 1911. In 1919 Ted Sundel purchased the vacant building and tore it down to build two cottages on the site.



Likely fall of 1907 photo with new construction of Town Hall.



1908 photo with painted Town Hall and coal shed east side. B. W. Wright jewellery store east of livery barn first in 1908 assessment roll. Note lumber yard on present town hall location.



Canada West Football Team 1906



Taber Mine Crew 1906



Taber Mine 1907



Canada West Coal Co. Ltd.

With the expenditure of two million dollars by capitalists from St. Paul, the Taber mine was organized into a major company and a modern plant employing 300 miners. In 1907 about twenty large two storey eight room houses were built for mine families, and a school for the junior grades.



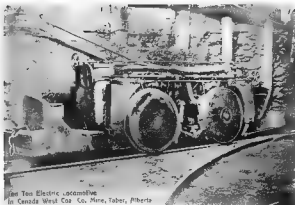
Rock Springs Coal Co., Elgin, Alberta



Reliance Coal Mine, 1907, two miles east of Taber

In 1907 a three storey brick veneer hotel the same size and design as the Palace Hotel, was built south of the plant and railway. In the same year about fifteen one-storey white cottages were built for mine families.

The mine closed down in 1908 owing to a split seam which could not be mined profitably.



Ten Ten Electric Locomotive in Canada West Coal Co. Mine



A Group at the Canada West Mine

Left to right: Mr Kidd, manager, Walter Coombs, Edward Westlake, R. F. Brewin, Ed. Venville, Sid Hantroda, L. T. Westlake and Bill Coombs.



1907 photo of Smith & Wood store located on the corner of the present School Division Garage. The back door and stairway of Taber Opera House may be seen to the left about 200 feet away

From left to right: William Probert, May Meyers, Byard Smith, A. L. (Bert) Wood, B. A. Strangham, child Maline Stringham and Evan Stringham in door



1905 Photo of E. N. Harding first Harness Shop, located one half block south of Smith & Wood store.



1911 photo of Royal Hotel which was moved to the present location in 1910. The hotel was built in 1906 by J. K. Irving. In 1907 it was sold to Henry Hanson. In 1912 J. W. Marshall was the proprietor. In 1921 J. Brooks was the Manager. In 1922 the Manager was F. H. Brooks, and in 1926 E. Cernulind was listed as proprietor. In 1927 the new ownership was F. Bonelle.



1905 photo of J. F. Hamilton blacksmith shop located about one block east of the Smith & Wood store. To the right over the bags of coal may be seen the east wall and roof of the L.D.S. Church, and to the left is the west end and window of the first two room school built in 1904. Later the school building was purchased and moved nearer the church as a Social Hall, and eventually moved up town to Front Street.

Left to right: Charles Edwards, Harm Pierson, Steve Arnt, J. F. Hamilton, Wm. Burgess and Dave Lloyd.



This is likely the Billie Bennett Show Band about 1906, who used to hold a series of plays in Cousins Hall. Some oldtimers will remember the play "Kit Carson." Morris Riggs, a bandsman and a fine violin player who later settled at Burdett, may be a member of this band.



Taber Livery Stable, E. B. Taber proprietor, located south of railway and directly south of Palace Hotel. It was on the west corner of Douglas Avenue. The two storey building on the left is Cousins Hall, showing the back part of the building and the stairway to the second storey hall. The first storey was a Liquor store. Cousins Hall was dismantled about 1923. In 1907 the hall was assessed as Opera House.



A 1908 group of sheep shearers at a camp south of Grassy Lake

Bottom Row, Left to Right Jim McLenn, Jim Jensen, Albert Simpson Jr, Jim Turnbull, Adam Blacklock, Tony Jensen, Wm. Valgardson, Dave Barbark, Geo. Alexander, Albert Simpson Sr., Dave Burns and Jacob Jacobay

Top Row Mr. Torgeson, Nettie Jensen, Mrs. Torgeson, Macey Jensen, Robt. Neal, Nephi McLenn, Albert Green, Murdo McKenzie, Dave Barton and Jack Valgardson.



A Group of boarders at the Macleod Hotel. The third man seated from the left is John Trussell, the first Mayor of Taber

Bottom of picture statement. 118 Old Kamoose's Hotel and Boarders (who never pay a cent or miss a meal), Macleod, N.W.T., Christmas 1899. Temperature in the shade 42 above zero.

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Yours truly Geo. C. Millar. Secy.

September 24, 1907, letter from Geo. C. Millar, Secretary of Town of Taber, offering \$50.00 per month to James Hansen to serve as Town Constable



**Main Street 1907-1908.** The 1907 assessment roll lists Herscher & McBain as owners of the Palace Hotel. Note the scaffolding on the building which is likely in 1908 when finishing brick veneer construction. Canada West mine and houses in the distance top left.



Showing location of first gas well. Derrick across the street east of Presbyterian Church. Mr. Knight of the Sullivan Machinery Co., Chicago, commenced drilling in July 1910.

The small building on the corner across the street from the Palace Hotel was the first real estate office of Hammer and Sundal.



1911 photo. Gas well derrick moved to second location north of curling rink. First hole lost through mechanical difficulty. Royal Hotel moved to corner in 1910. Hammer Sundal Land Co. building constructed in 1911 after livery barn fire in early 1910. The Star Theatre is the first building to the right. A second hand store was built east of Wright Jewellery.



1913 photo showing Rex Theatre construction in spring, with official opening in August.

Note new Canadian Bank of Commerce building which is under construction. The Eastern Townships Bank opened in Taber in July, 1906, and amalgamated with the Commerce in February, 1912.



1905 photo of Andy Lizaabee Barber Shop located north of the Smith & Wood store on present school garage corner



1905 photo of up-to-date young ones of fifty years ago  
Left to Right Ladies—Leah Anderson, Mrs. A. Lizaabee and Estella Anderson. Men—Andrew Lizaabee and Jack Hamilton.



Alex Campbell, Bobt H Anderson and E C Moe, Mr Moe was manager of Eastern Townships Bank



Westlake Jewellery & Stationery,  
Jean Primrose — L. T Westlake

I, DAVID BURBANK, RETURNING OFFICER, AT THE ELECTION HELD AT THE TOWN OF TATE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS FOR THE SAID MUNICIPALITY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT JOHN TRUSWELL, HAS BEEN ELECTED AS MAYOR FOR THE SAID MUNICIPALITY AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES CAST FOR EACH CANDIDATE WERE AS FOLLOWS:

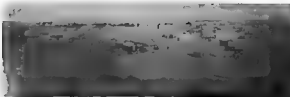
S. J. LAYTON, FOR MAYOR,	58 VOTES
JOHN TRUSWELL, FOR MAYOR	171 VOTES
JOHN BARTON, FOR COUNCILLOR	135 VOTES
ALPH. BECK, FOR COUNCILLOR,	147 VOTES
ALPH. CAMPBELL, FOR COUNCILLOR	161 VOTES
FRANK R. DAVIES, FOR COUNCILLOR	145 VOTES
WILLIAM F. DOUGLAS, FOR COUNCILLOR	115 VOTES
FRANK BARTON, FOR COUNCILLOR	100 VOTES
E. R. McMILLAN, FOR COUNCILLOR,	71 VOTES
G. T. LEACH, FOR COUNCILLOR,	75 VOTES
R. A. VANORMAN, FOR COUNCILLOR	70 VOTES
S. J. WING, FOR COUNCILLOR,	75 VOTES

I THEREFORE CERTIFY AND DECLARE THE FOLLOWING ELECTED AS MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWN OF TATE FOR THE NEXT ENSUING TERM:

AS MAYOR----- JOHN TRUSWELL  
 AS COUNCILLORS: - -----JOHN BARTON  
   ALPH. BECK  
   ALPH. CAMPBELL  
   FRANK R. DAVIES  
   WILLIAM F. DOUGLAS  
   FRANK BARTON

*David Burbank*  
*Returning Officer*

As the first town council meeting was held July 30, 1907, the above election return affidavit signed by David Burbank, is not dated but may be assumed as an earlier date in July



This 1907 photo reveals two developing business areas by the first Royal Hotel site and the second near the first Smith & Wood store on the present school garage corner. Southwest of the store is the Taber Opera House, and northeast is the Miners Hall, the first 1904 school and the L. D. S. Church.

Across the street west of the Royal Hotel is the E. S. Bowden and Victory & Co. stores (Claude's Candy Shop, Geo. Hennebar, barber shop, Edwards & Wing Paint Shop). North of the Royal Hotel is the Geo. J. Loomis Undertaking Parlor, and R. P. Wallace store which later was a printing shop.

The group of buildings southwest is the J. R. Jeff Meat Market and the J. Truesdell store. The south building in the photo was the A. P. Veale store and later a photo studio and the studio sold to Mr. Abbot late in 1910 and in the fall of 1912 bought by Chas. O. Lurhr and moved to Russell Avenue. The Abbot studio was on the present site of office and shop of Taber Irrigation District.

To the left in the picture is the two-story Alex Beck residence, and the Enterprise Lumber yard north of the house.



Name of homesteader not known.



A 1911 photo of Eastern Township Bank in building where present liquor store is located. Opened in July, 1908.

From left to right Chas. E. Taunter, Reg. Grant, M. MacPherson, Geo. E. Ewing, Don Smith and Alex Long. Robert Martin of Barrowell was the working bricklayer



Main Street from West

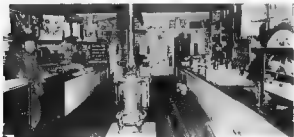
Photo likely taken in fall of 1910, showing Taber Trading Co. Ltd. new building across the street west of Taber Hotel.



Presbyterian Church picnic held on May 25, 1908, at the White Ranch on the river north of Fincastle. A heavy shower developed during the day which was the beginning of the rainy period that caused the major 1908 floods.

Two bottom rows, left to right: Chester Heard, Dave Williams, Geo. McCallum, Anne Ritchie, Alice Beck, Pearl Leamus, Miss Jones, Rev. J. R. Munro, Miss McCallum, Melvin Hill, Janet McLeod and R. H. Anderson.

Three top rows: Evan Owens, two White sisters, Lulu Beck, Miss Coombs, Alex Long, E. C. Jones, Belle Primrose, C. P. L. Pearson, Miss Munro, Miss McLeod, J. T. Willard, Regg. Sever, Mrs. Tol, Bill Coombs, Gordon Ridley and Miss Dowser.



Likely a 1908-10 photo of inside of J. Truswell general store in the building east of the present Hungarian Hall. From left to right: F. Longacre, John Truswell and Mrs. Butchart.



1902 Photo of Mr. & Mrs. S. J. Layton with an up-to-date Single Horse and Buggy Outfit. Photo likely taken in the Cardston district.



1912 Photo of Oliver Ellingson and his oxen team on a two-box Lumber Wagon filled with supplies. Photo taken on Russell Avenue near Pioneer Lumber Co. office. The partial picture of a boy on the right side of the picture is H. B. Myers.



Dr. C. W. Leach, 1906 Reo with one-cylinder motor placed under the seat. It was driven by a sprocket chain to sprockets on back wheels. The ignition was from two telephone dry batteries. Coal oil lamps was the main lighting system. Maximum speed about 20 miles per hour.



The left car a five passenger Reo purchased in 1910 by Peter Hammer and Ted Sundal from Fred Punns who moved away from Taber. It had a two-cylinder motor under the front seat which was cranked from the right side. It was driven by a sprocket chain to sprockets on the back wheels. At top speed of 20 miles the noise and rattle from the chain and sprockets was terrible. Note too a windshield which made it necessary for driver and passengers to wear long gauntlet gloves.

The right run-about was owned by Geo. J. Loomis, Undertaker Cars in Alberta at this period: 1906, 30; 1907, " 1908, 43; 1909, 275; 1910, 423; and 1911, 1431.



A group of pioneer women about year 1910.



A group of women visiting at the homestead of H. W. Hogarth, eleven miles northeast of Taber

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A 1911 photo of the Taber Advertiser office located south of the present fire hall. The Advertiser commenced publication in March 1910 and in October 1911 sold out to Archie McLean, who combined the plans with the Taber Times and employed Colin G. Groff as Editor. J. Ernest Cook in partnership with K. L. Jardine and George Jenkinson bought the Advertiser plant from Mrs. Bellwood. Note the farm machinery and walking plow around the building which was owned by John T. Willard on the vacant lots west to the post office.

From left to right: George Jenkinson, J. R. Jeff, J. Ernest Cook and Adelaide Barrett.



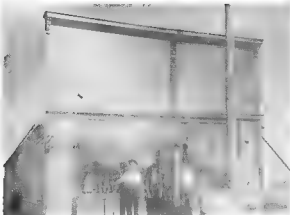
The two mines northeast of the McLean bridge are left, the Golden West Coal Co., owned by E. S. Bowden and operated by Heber Black, and right, Superior Coal Co., Ltd., number one mine. The team and wagon outfit are hauling wheat from the Bayview area.



Back row, L. to R. Jack Ross, Rabi. Peterson, Jock Mullin, John T. Willard, E. B. Tainter, E. R. Wildman and Neil McKellar. Front row Ed. Sparks, Sam Irvine, Bill McWhanney and W. C. Lane.



Edward Westlake Homestead Shack east of Purple Springs.  
Left to right Edward Westlake, Dick Huntrods, Ed Venville, Sid Huntrods and L. T. Westlake



A 1916 photo of Francis Reilly pool hall on the present Kurras pool and billiard hall location.

Left to right: Heber Russell, Francis Reilly and Chester Heard.



A 1910 photo of barber shop in Francis Reilly Pool Hall. The barber at left is Chester Heard, and chair customer is Joe Barton. On the right is Heber Russell, customer unknown. In 1911 Chester Heard moved to a new location in the Hammer-Sandal building.



Taber Opera House Owned By John W Shirts  
Destroyed by fire after a Christmas Dance in 1911.  
Location across street southwest of School Division Garage.



A Character Ball in Taber Opera House Music by Sundal Orchestra,  
with Miss Munro as pianist in place of Walter Coombs. A Hall With Good  
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A 1915-16 photo taken from water tower before the construction of the United Grain Growers Elevator in 1917



1913 photo showing tandem team and large grain wagon, method of hauling grain in early days before tracks.



In August 1913 an early line-up for the official opening of the Rex Theatre. The Moving Picture Theatre was built and operated by Carl Judson.



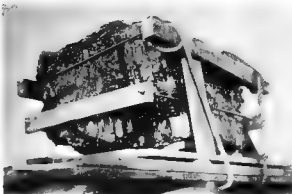
The second hand store east of Wright's Jewellery in due time was remodelled into a cafe. The building is now owned by James Snell.



The Taber Bakery is on the 1907 assessment roll. Alex Beck, the owner, is standing on the left with the white apron. The other three are unknown. The business closed down on October 24, 1914, due to falling business from the dry crop failure year.



In 1912 Jim Eigelow operated a cafe in the brick building between the pool hall and Taber Bakery. In January 1913 the cafe was sold to Mah Hand and Jack.



Large lump of coal dug from the Canada West mine for a weight guessing contest at the International Dry-Farming Congress in Lethbridge on Oct. 21 to 28, 1912.

#### The International Dry Farming Congress

The Seventh Annual Session and International Soils Products Exposition was held in Lethbridge during the full week of October 21st to 28th, 1912. It was a week of convention meetings, with speakers from many nations discussing farm problems in sub-humid districts, and to view exhibits of crops produced under dry-farming conditions.

Previous conventions were held in Denver 1908, Salt Lake City 1907, Cheyenne 1908, Billings 1909, Spokane 1910, Colorado Springs 1911, and following Lethbridge in Tulsa 1913.

At the Exposition a major prize offered was a Rumely Traction Engine, valued at \$2,500, for the best bushel of hard wheat. A Stewart Sheaf Loader, valued at \$500, was offered for the best sheaf of hard wheat grown in 1912.

The Taber Board of Trade spent \$315.65 for a district exhibit of grains and vegetables, which included \$131.00 for a special constructed booth and painted signs.

Ted Sundal was the official representative from the Board of Trade at the booth for the full week, handing out advertising leaflets and answering inquiries about our new Taber district.

In those days it was necessary to pick up grain, sheafs and vegetable exhibits with a buggy or wagon, and ship them by express and at the destination hire a dray for the final delivery. Trucks, cars and grade roads were not available for direct transportation.

The large lump of coal was an interesting exhibit in the Taber booth. The Canada West Coal Co., offered a cash prize of \$10.00 for the correct or nearest guess of the weight. Printed forms were available for the weight guess and names and address of the person, which was deposited in a ballot box in the booth.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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EDMONTON, OCTOBER 9TH 1912

## A LAST REMINDER

DEAR SIR, —

It is Alberta's privilege this year to entertain the visiting delegates from all nations to the Seventh Annual Session of the International Dry Farming Congress and its auxiliary The Congress of Farm Women, which meets at Lethbridge from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. Every farmer and farmer's wife who can possibly do so, should be present, not only to assist in welcoming and meeting delegates from outside the province but also to benefit by attendance at the most important agricultural gathering held on the North American continent this year. The foremost workers in agriculture and domestic science, in the laboratory, on the farm, and in the home, will be present.

The application of the principles the Congress stands for will benefit every acre of land in the province. You are interested, therefore,

I have pleasure, then, in extending to everyone interested a hearty invitation to be present. Ample accommodation is being provided for to take care of all who may attend.

Delegates must purchase single fare tickets and obtain standard certificates, which are to be signed by the Secretary of the Congress before being good for free return ticket. Where delegates travel over two lines of railway certificates must be obtained from each railway. Tickets are good going October 10th to 22nd inclusive, and returning to October 31st.

It is a rare opportunity. Do not miss it.

Yours cordially,

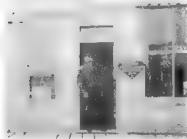
DUNCAN MARSHALL.

*Minister of Agriculture*



Likely a 1913 photo of Front Street. The first building on the left was Powell & Stephenson grocery store with horse delivery rig in front, Marshall Bros drug and jewellery store the Palm Theatre, S. J. Layton, city sexton, Empire Cafe, Y. H. Yung, proprietor, Palace Flour & Feed store, W. Fisher, proprietor Sheels Hardware Cafe operated by Mr Gibboney and later by Mah Joe & Nam and the two storey Hobbs building.

The Allen Players were a favorite road show playing annually at the Palm Theatre, with Verna Felton the leading actress. Two outstanding plays remembered by some pioneers was Camille, and Paid in Full.



A front view of city sexton office next to Palm Theatre with S. J. Layton standing in doorway who was Justice of the Peace for many years. Not one of the full row of buildings is left today. Four of the buildings between the grocery and hardware stores were destroyed by fire during world war one, about 1917 or 1918. The Sheels hardware store building was moved to the corner west of the Royal Hotel, and presently occupied by the Bank of Nova Scotia.



The E. N. Harding & Co. building was destroyed by fire in June, 1913. It was rebuilt as a brick building and occupied by Harding for many years. It is presently the Beaver Hardware.



This building was built by Hauka Brothers and occupied as a General Store in 1912. Two or three years later it was rented to Walter Parish as a paint shop. In time Dan Hauka remodelled the building as a home. Percy Ross lived there for some years. In 1927 Gordon Marshall bought it as a home.

# TABOR MEAT MARKET.



Likely a 1908-09 photo of the J. B. Jett Meat Market. Louis Valdez was the driver of the one horse delivery rig, and is standing to the right, and next to the left is J. B. Jett. The third party is unknown.



A 1913 photo of a tank wagon and team used to pump out cesspools. Wayner Swensen standing and Rudolph Jensen teamster. The Central Lumber Co. to the left was the Taber Lumber Co. in 1912, both operated by W. S. Russell.

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King George Hotel, built in spring of 1912 by Francis Reilly



A 1932-33 photo of Hough and Front Streets Buildings. The King George Hotel, at the right was torn down in spring of 1934 to provide brick and lumber for Canning Factory building.

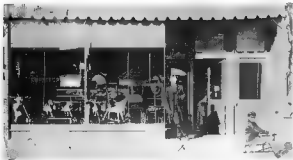


Have not located a definite clue on the yearly date of the two pictures on this page. The lower picture is a Loebe Photo. Charles Loebe purchased the Abbott studio in the fall of 1912. The familiar lean to shed on the west side of the Taber Hotel has been removed in the top picture, indicating a later date for the horse and buggy outfits.



As Dad Lathrop and J. R. McNiel are seated in the second car from the left, the group may be a O. W. Kerr Company land seekers excursion which has stopped at the hotel for refreshments. Or perhaps the Lathbridge Board of Trade is making a good will tour over the country.

The hotel was destroyed by fire in early spring of 1924, about February or March.



A 1912 photo of the Standard Furniture Co owned by George J Loomis. Standing in the doorway is Archie Loomus. The building was built by Henderson Bros. & Ross in 1910, who operated a furniture store for a short time. In 1919 the building was sold for \$1500 to the Canadian Legion for a hall and club room.



Photo taken December 10 1912. in the real estate office of Hammer-Sandal Land Company. The building is presently occupied by Pat's Groceries. From left to right Fred Christensen, Peter Hammer and Ingwall Sandal who was temporarily employed at the office.



In the fall of 1921 a Curriers Choir and Orchestra was organized for a special service in the United Church. The photo was taken outside the church after a Sunday afternoon practice. Rev A. J. Mitchell, (1921 to 1927) was the pastor of the church.



Mrs. E. M. Foote's Birthday Party 1941. Left to right Mrs. R. L. Rash, Mrs. H. G. Ridley, Mrs. A. E. Craddock, Mrs. Willard Cook, Mrs. E. M. Foote, Mrs. H. Fenton, Miss Wilma E. Riley, Mrs. T. L. Rash, Bernice Craddock, Mrs. J. Shaw, Mrs. G. Rutherford and Catherine Rutherford.



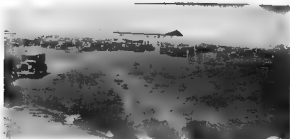
Photo of Anglican Church constructed in 1897, and dedicated on August 18, 1907 by Bishop Pinkham. Reverend David Jones, a young English Minister held services once a month in the Presbyterian Church in fall of 1908 until their Church was built in 1907. Rev Jones became the resident Vicar.



L. D. Wright, leader and organist of Anglican Choir, and Rev F. B. Leacroft (1919-1925).



This view of Hough street is mainly shown to record the location of the Star Theatre, a moving picture show which operated for a period of about two years in 1909 and 1910. At the same time the Palm Theatre on Front Street ran moving pictures and road shows. On the 1910 assessment roll the owner of the Star Theatre is listed as W. J. Leman of Medford, Mass. The building is the high white front east of the Westlake store where the Dames Style Shoppe built a new building this year. In 1912-13 Mrs. Carl Jackson operated a Millinery and Ladies Wear store in the building, and later used as a lodge hall by the Modern Woodmen of America.



Dominion Day Celebration on July 1, 1929, at the Exhibition Grounds west of the Beacon Tower



The building at the left is the Methodist Church which was built in the summer of 1912. After union with the Presbyterian Church on July 1, 1931, the Methodist church building was moved in 1938 to the Presbyterian Church site and used as a recreation hall. In 1953 the building was again moved and sold to the Lutheran Church, and now located in the northwest part of town.

The Methodist Church was located on the corner south of the Lions Wading Pool.



In 1913 the Taber Agricultural Society built an exhibition hall and poultry building on the baseball grounds. The main hall may be seen about 200 feet northeast of the grandstand on the baseball grounds, and the poultry building not visible northeast of the grandstand. In 1918 the buildings were moved to the new 26 acre exhibition grounds west of the beacon tower.



A Reeves steam outfit with ten bottom breaking plow used extensively in the Taber area in 1909 and 1910. This outfit we believe was owned by William Hipp. Transportation in those days was by means of horse and buggy.



The Harris & Sons steam plow and seeding outfit used on the Harris farm west of Taber in 1920. Wilford Harris is the engineer at the steering wheel.



A 1910-11 photo of what appears to be a ditch construction horse outfit which may have shipped to Taber, to drive north into the Vauxhall area on new canal construction on the Canada Land and Irrigation Company project.

The livery barn was owned by J. H. Pearson Jr., and the Asbet photo studio was on the present Taber Irrigation District property. The photo was taken before the construction of the King George Hotel in the spring of 1912.



A 1912-13 photo of Pioneer Livery Feed & Sale Stable, A. E. Tolton, proprietor. The site is presently the Superior Motors and shop of the Taber Irrigation District.



1911 Heber Black Santa Claus service held in Community House at the coal mining camp northeast of the McLean Bridge



Six teachers on the 1911 Taber School staff. Left to right, bottom row Etta Stanley and Marie Emery, middle row Lillian Amos and Janet McLeod, top row Miss McCaffery and Myrtle Emery



A 1910 photo of steam trenching outfit which dug the ditch for Taber waterworks system. We believe this was the last job for the old time steamer.



A four oxen team on lumber wagon back in the early homesteading days around Taber.



22 Silver Cups offered as Special Prizes at Annual Exhibition, September 26-27, 1912

Cups shown in window of B. W. Wright Jewelry Store

## TABER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Taber Agricultural Society was organized in 1909 and closed in 1929. During this period the Society held twenty exhibitions, and cancelled one in 1914 on account of drought and crop failure.

The following have served as secretaries: Geo. W. Quibell 1909, Hans Hansen 1911, Ted Sundel 1911 to 1915 and 1925 to 1929, E. T. Westlake 1916, W. C. Lane 1917 and 1922, W. C. Blount 1918 to 1920, W. A. Porteous 1921, and Fred Watkins 1923 and 1924.

The first four exhibitions 1909 to 1912 were held in the L. D. S. Assembly Hall.

In 1913 a new exhibition hall and poultry building was constructed on the baseball grounds. The hall about 200 feet northwest of the grandstand, and the poultry building northeast of the grandstand.

In 1919 the exhibition hall and poultry buildings were moved to new Exhibition Grounds on two ten-acre blocks No. 31 and No. 32, where a new grandstand and half mile race track was constructed. This location was directly west of the Beacon Tower.

When government fair grants for prize money payments were reduced from 68 2/3% to 50%, it was considered too difficult to finance a fair and it was decided to discontinue the Society.

The twenty annual exhibitions revealed basic information that the Taber-Barrow area was an excellent vegetable and root crop growing district.

19 Silver Cups offered as Special Prizes at Annual Exhibition



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September 18-19, 1913.

Cups shown in window of Westlake Jewellery Store.

The following donated Silver Cups for Special Prizes at the 1912 and 1913  
Exhibition

Hon. A. J. McLean  
J. W. Hill & Son  
Farmers Lumber Co.  
Mayor W. W. Douglas  
Campbell & Anderson  
Hammer-Sundal Land Co.  
L. T. Westlake  
Southern Alberta Realty Co. Ltd.  
Taber Hardware Co. Ltd.  
Mato-Mahon Lumber Co.  
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Citizens Lumber Co.  
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Taber Bakery  
Royal Bank of Canada  
E. S. Bowden  
Bank of Hamilton  
Canadian Bank of Commerce  
Taber Agricultural Society  
Smith & Wood  
Ted Sundal  
Alberta Drug & Stationery Co.



On the 1.1th of July 1928 the War Memorial erected to the memory of the twenty five men of Taber and district who fell in the Great War was unveiled. The Memorial stands in the Municipal Park of Taber, and Senator W. A. Buchanan was the principal speaker at the ceremony.



1867-1927 Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the Confederation of Canada. Mayor J. E. Evanson gave the address to Commemorate the National Celebration.



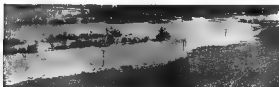
1908 flood looking west from C.P.R. pump station Taber. The flood was approximately at lower level of the former Canada West Coal Co. pumping station. On this basis the 1908 flood was five feet higher than the 1953 flood. Photo, Left to right, John Evensen, Lefter Johnson and Wm. Valgardson.



1908 Flood looking north from C.P.R. pump station. Water at roof level.



1953 Flood looking north from C.P.R. pump station. Water about five feet lower than 1908 flood.



General View Looking Northwest of McLean Bridge, Taber. The 1953 flood washed out two piling sections on the south timber approach with traffic suspended for about a week. By means of steel cables the sagging approach floor was saved and prevented from washing down the river. Flood crest June 10, 1953.

General view looking northeast of McLean Bridge, Taber. The 1953 flood washed out two piling sections on the south timber approach, with traffic suspended for about a week. By means of steel cables the sagging approach floor was saved and prevented from washing down the river. Flood crest June 10, 1953.



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Friday, 4th of November.  
1910

TABER "Purveyors of the Arts" CANADA

The first annual banquet of the Taber Board of Trade was held on Nov. 4, 1910 in the Union Hotel, located on railway street directly south of C.P.R. water tank. The Board of Trade was organized in February 1907.

The 1910 executive officers of the Taber Board of Trade, were: President, R. H. Anderson; vice-president, Dr. G. W. Leech, second vice president, E. B. Tainter and secretary-treasurer, Percy Lapum Leech. Executive committee, J. B. Jett, Geo. E. Ewing, W. W. Douglas, R. A. VanOrman, A. L. Mitchell and Peter Hammer. Banquet committee: Geo. E. Ewing, Dr. Herbert Lake, John T. Willard, and E. B. Tainter.

# Menu

Blue Point Oysters on the Half Shell with Sliced Lemon

## SOUP

Oyster

Clam Chowder

## FISH

Boiled Halibut Holland Sauce.  
French Saratoga and Sliced Lemon

## BOILED

Leg of Mutton Caper Sauce  
Sugar-cured Ham, a la Champagne Sauce

## ENTREES

Braised Tenderloin and Mushroom Sauce  
Cream Shrimps on Toast  
Fried Oysters and Sliced Lemon

## SWEET ENTREES

Orange Sals  
Cranberry Sauce  
Cream Potatoes

## SALADS

Chicken

Lobster

## ROASTS

Brown Young Turkey with Cranberry Sauce  
Stuffed Goose with Apple Sauce  
Roasted Duck with Dressing  
Leg of Mutton with Jelly  
Prime Sirloin of Beef with Yorkshire Pudding

## VEGETABLES

Hashed and Plain Potatoes  
French Peas  
Fried Potatoes

## PASTRY

Hot Mince Pie  
Lemon Pie  
Apple Pie  
Strawberry Tart

## DESSERT

English Plum Pudding Brandy Sauce  
Fruit Jelly  
Port Wine Jelly  
Jelly Roll Cake  
Saver Cake  
Nut Cake  
Jelly Cup Cake  
Apples  
Oranges  
Grapes  
Hazel Nuts  
Walnuts  
Almonds  
Layer Rascals  
Celery and McLarnen's Cheese  
Green Tea, Black Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Milk  
Cigars  
Stanley Spring Mineral Water

The 1910 Banquet Menu was a generous selection of tempting and tasty foods. The Union Hotel was operated by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dobbs.

Toasts at the 1910 Banquet: Our King, President's address, Sister Boards of Trade, Our Natural Resources, Commerce and Transportation, Our Representatives, Our City, New Officers and the Ladies.

In 1912 the Taber Board of Trade published a 34 page booklet on "The Story of Taber." It was prepared by Colin G. Groff, editor of the Taber Times, and at that time secretary of the Board. The following is a selection of four pages of the Booklet.

## THE STORY OF TABER ITS DEVELOPMENT

THE west is the land of miracles—miracles of growth, and progress and development. There is civilization today where yesterday was wilderness, burning city life where yesterday was barren waste. That is the history, oft repeated, of the "last free heritage of the Anglo-Saxon race." The modern Aladdin rubs his lamp, villages spring up over night, towns grow to cities in a day. Every hamlet, village, town and city is in the race for greatness, and fortune is within its grasp.

Taber grew from a water tank. It is a miracle of development, and the miracle is only in the beginning. Taber is the town that was born rich—rich in resources and possibilities. That is why it grew from a homestead to a young city in seven short years. That is why it is destined to be, in the eyes of those who are close students of western development, one of the leading towns of this Province of Alberta.

Seven years ago nothing but a lone water tank on the C. P. R. marked the site of enterprising Taber. Somebody discovered that the water tank was the center of a rich wheat country. Came the farmers. Somebody unearthed the best domestic coal ever burned, within a stone's throw of the pioneer water tank. Came the capitalists, and the engineers, and the miners. That lone water tank proved a veritable planet of civilization, for today it is the center of a prosperous community, rapidly growing under the continued and increasing development of the resources of nature. Its wheat lands

tribute more than two million bushels crop annually. Its coal mine ships more domestic coal than all other mines combined in the province. Its people are prosperous, its growth steady, its future assured.

No nation has brought this remarkable development to Taber. In fact, the town has never experienced what is generally known as the west, as a boom. The cultivation of the vast wheat lands tributary and the increasing development of the other natural resources in the district, have been responsible for the steady growth of the town, and once and a while have set a rapid and permanent progress. The development of its great resources alone is sufficient to guarantee the town a permanency that will place it in the front rank among industrial centers.

The Taber of yesterday was but a barren stretch of prairie land, with a water tank as the only mark of civilization. The Taber of today is a thriving community with every mark of progress. The Taber of tomorrow will be a leading centre of the province.

The Taber of yesterday saw the coming of the farmer and the development of the agricultural resources. The Taber of tomorrow will see increased industrial growth, and increased railway facilities will make of the town a railway and industrial point of no mean importance.

Taber is a place of enterprise. It is a town of people of enterprise. Read about its advantages and prospects in the pages that follow.

# THE STORY OF TABER—FUTURE PROSPECTS

He is a bold prophet who attempts to predict the future of a western town situated so advantageously as Taber. One man who wrote of the west predicted that Taber would be one of the big ones with a population of 50,000 or more in a few years. Why not? With the more complete development of the coal resources of the district, the natural gas and water power, the building of new railways, the more intensive cultivation of the vast agricultural territory tributary to the town, it is reasonable to believe that Taber will be one of the big centers.

The Canadian Northern Railway has made the construction of an important branch into Taber that will considerably widen the coal market and provide better railway facilities. This railway company has already become interested in the coal in the district. The Great Trunk Pacific people have their eye upon its assets, and on their definite map show Taber as now looking large. The Canadian Pacific Railway are preparing to build a roundhouse here, and connect the town up with the big centers by means of a line north through a rich agricultural district to Calgary. This will also increasing connect with the Winnipeg line to "the west." A radial railway company has already been formed to run a line to connect up all the coal camps surrounding Taber, and they are securing a charter to be filed in 1913. The fact that Taber commands the best and cheapest railroads in the West is one of the big attractions. The fact that Taber is one of the best situated for the subject of a important railway development is another fact for the town.

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# THE STORY OF TABER—FIGURES THAT COUNT

POPULATION	
1885	240
1890	300
1895	300
1900	300
1905	2,000
1910	2,500
Taber's population	3,000

COST OF PRODUCTION	
1. P. H. Keweenaw	\$1.00 per ton
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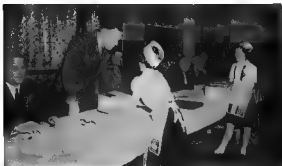
This booklet is published under the auspices of the Taber Board of Trade.  
All inquiries should be directed to the Secretary of the Board.



A 1922 photo of members of the Taber Board of Trade busy with hoes planting a five acre experimental plot of cucumbers on the farm of Wm. Valgardson two miles southwest of town. The Hamer Pickle Company of Spokane, Washington were interested in locating a plant in Southern Alberta.



A rest period for the cucumber planters with the old hoe method. Left to right, R. H. Anderson, Edward Hoxey, Ernie Needs, Ed Venville, Bert Wood, Alex Stewart, Wm. Valgardson, J. J. Hourigan, Gordon Marshall, E. L. Cooke, N. W. Good and in front J. C. Hall and Fred Watkins and the end men unknown. Cecil Mahon and Sam McCall also worked with the group but not included in the picture.



Taber Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet, November 28, 1950. Photo of Tomato Maids presenting guest speaker, Mr. R. M. Putnam, with four parcels of local grown and processed tomatoes, for distribution in Edmonton to the following Alberta Government Officials: Honourable E. C. Manning, Premier; Honourable David A. Ure, Minister of Agriculture; Mr. G. S. Longman, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Mr. R. M. Putnam, Superintendent, Schools of Agriculture.



Tomato Maids Doreen Swanson and Elaine Muir, carrying trays of Dixie cups filled with local grown canned tomatoes which was served to each guest. This was the first commercial production of processed tomatoes by the Cornwall Canning Company. Left to right — Pat Male, R. M. Putnam, Marr Bodie, Eld Neilson, T. Geo. Wood, Asael E. Palmer, Harold G. Long and Fred King.





November 14, 1952, Annual Banquet of the Taber Chamber of Commerce. John Fisher, CBC Radio Commentator enjoying corn on the cob. Over 300 persons attended the banquet, which is the largest ever held by the Chamber of Commerce or former Board of Trade.

Left to right — Mrs. Tom Strawn, John Fisher, Walter Neilson, Mrs. Walter Neilson, Hugh Nicol, Mrs. Hugh Nicol, T. Geo. Wood, and Mrs. T. George Wood. Passing ear of corn, Ted Sandal.



# John Fisher Captivates Audience At Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet

John Fisher, radio commentator and Canada's ambassador of good will, captivated Tabor citizens at the Chamber of Commerce banquet on Friday night when over 300 persons attended.

The guest speaker was introduced by Tom Smith who gave a brief

history of Mr Fisher's background. He emphasized how lucky Tabor was to get Mr Fisher when it was pointed out that he could easily fill 125 engagements out of 1,000 requests for his services.

Dealing with the importance of the road to the national life of the country, Mr Fisher took his listeners throughout Alberta and across Canada enlarging upon the importance of men who had played a tremendous part in developing Canadian industrial and agricultural life. He stressed the dynamic integration project that was solving wealth and prosperity to almost barren lands.

His listeners had the audience roaring with laughter and hanging on his words to come. Words of admiration were on the lips of all who attended the banquet and listened attentively to the one hour speech.

Ted Sandals celebrated some lived up to its advertising. It was the most successful one that has been served at a banquet. The singing and readings likewise lived up to the Tabor reputation of producing the best.

## John Fisher Reads Editor C.C. His Photos Taken At Banquet

The following letter received from Mr. John Fisher, of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, is self explanatory:

104 Jarvis Street,  
Toronto, Ontario.  
March 2, 1955

Mr. Ted Sandals,  
Chairman of the event,  
Tabor, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Sandals,

I certainly did appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me three photos of the Fisher Chamber of Commerce banquet. They were brought back rather nighty under circumstances to me, and apart from the kindness of people, the whole thing I was doing was this corn. One of these days on the national radio I am going to talk about it.

It was a great night, all around, and I shall never forget it. One of these days I will feature Tabor as it appears on film on the radio.

If you want me to come out and open your Civic Centre in two or three years time, just give me a shout. All I need is to find the time.

Kindest regards to all mutual friends.

Yours sincerely,  
John Fisher

## Gun Club Nets \$207 for Cadets

The Tabor Gun Club held its safety shoot on Saturday, November 13 and was a gratifying success. Total cash receipts were \$207.50 with expenses for prizes at \$40.15, which left a net profit of \$267.35.

The Gun Club wish to extend their thanks to all those who helped to make the shoot successful, especially Levi McDonald, and George Powell who were in charge of the competition, and to assistants Miss Dorothy Orr, Myra Dale and Mrs. Corey Beckie. Miss Gushen and George and to the two who also helped on the 13 date.

## Tabor Times Press Report on the Banquet.



# Wheat King Honored At Chamber Of Commerce Annual Banquet

About 125 people attended the annual banquet of the Taber Chamber of Commerce, held in the Legion Hall on Wednesday of this week at 6:30 p.m.

Jim Wood, the incoming president of the Chamber of Commerce acted as chairman, in the absence of Ed Nelson, who is attending the motor show at Toronto and visiting at Salt Lake City, Utah. The event opened with the singing of O Canada, and Tom Brown a past president of the chamber introduced the five guests present from Lethbridge.

Ray Lee M.L.A. made a presentation of \$100 from the provincial government to the guests of honor Mr and Mrs Fred Halliworth, Mr Halliworth being the World's Wheat King in making the presentation. Mr Lee spoke highly of the production possibilities of these districts and congratulated Mr and Mrs. Halliworth on their achievement.

## SILVER CREST

Harry Radin, mayor of the Town of Taber, also made a presentation to Mr and Mrs. Halliworth of a table model Chippendale silver crest with a full service for eight the presentation being made on behalf of the Municipal District of Huron, the Town of Taber and the Taber Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Halliworth thanked all those responsible for the gifts and honor bestowed on himself and Mrs. Halliworth. He also expressed regrets at the passing of James D. Urie, former minister of agriculture. There were only two samples of wheat sent to the Chicago exhibit from Alberta and Mr Halliworth's sample took first place, while the other entry from Alberta took second place.

## FURTHER SAMPLES

Plans are being made by Mr and Mrs. Halliworth to send further samples of wheat in future grain shows, though they do not antici-

pate the good fortune to again receive the honor of being the World Wheat King. Mr Halliworth pointed out that there are so many factors that enter into the selection and judging of samples that one place a big part in being awarded first place.

Ted Kanda, introduced the guest speaker of the evening Dick Fawcett of Lethbridge who is the public relations and liaison officer for the western and northern agricultural science service for the Dominion Department of Agriculture. Mr Fawcett spoke on "Insects as they infect mankind in general" and showed his travels compare with the human race in practically every walk of life.

Further in his talk Mr Fawcett stated that if we left things for five years, without trying to control insect damage, there would be very little food left in the world for humans.

While the major part of the speaker's topic was directed to the damage caused by insects, he mentioned towards the close of his talk that there are a vast number of insects that are of value to the human race and that, we would not be so good without them.

Russ Gibb expressed the thanks of those present for a very interesting and humorous talk by Mr Fawcett. Miss Quentin Barbeau was present for the singing of "O Canada" and "God Save the Queen".

The guests from Lethbridge extended an invitation for the Taber people to be present at the annual meeting of their Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, January 30 at the Marquis Hotel.



Taber Times Press Report of the Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet held on the 13th of January, 1934, and photo of the North America Wheat Crown Cup from Chicago.



Fred Hallworth of Taber, won the 1943 Wheat Crown of North America, at the November International Livestock Exposition in Chicago. The exhibit was a "Reward" variety of hard red spring wheat.





Photo of first two Imperial Oil tank cars shipped from Taber in the fall of 1937, from Plains Pete No. 2.



Photo of Plains Pete No. 2 oil tanks. The well was drilled on L.S. 11-25-18 W4, about two miles southwest of Taber. The well hit commercial oil on the 14th of October, 1937, at a depth of 3218, with a 28 gravity oil. The well produced about 40,000 barrels.



Photo of Cole-Hunter well on LS 3-11-10-17 W4. Well spudded in on Sept. 23, 1929. Hit oil at 3319-17 tools dropped and rotary mud left in hole for some weeks which must have sealed-off the productive formation. The A. P. Co. attempted cleaning and side-tracking operations but without success.



Photo of a group of Taber people who were present at the spudding operations on Sept. 23, 1929. The well was located about three miles northwest of Taber.



Photo of Plains Pete No. 2 on LS 11-25-9-17-W4, which hit commercial oil on Oct. 14, 1937, and produced about 40,000 barrels of oil. The derrick of Plains Pete No. 3 may be seen a half mile to the west. In the foreground is a good crop of sugar beets.



Photo of Cal-Standard Taber Province 1, on LS 9-18-9-16-W4, in East Taber Pool and hit commercial production on June 18, 1942. This was the second commercial oil well in the Taber district. Depth 3181 and a gravity oil of about 23.

Cal Standard Taber Province 87-15-A in West Taber Pool hit commercial production on Aug. 27, 1944, at a depth of 3253 and a gravity of 23 oil.  
Total Taber production to July 31, 1955, 1,819,484 barrels



View from the southwest of the Canada West Mine.

#### COAL COMPANIES WHICH HAVE OPERATED IN TABER FIELD.

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Rock Springs Coal & Brick Co., Ltd.	Star Coal Mine.
Alberta Consolidated Collieries.	The Consolidated Coal Co.
Enterprise Collieries.	Regal Collieries.
Reliance Coal Co.	Fox Colliery.
Belly River Collieries Ltd.	Majestic Mines Ltd.
Great Western Coal Co.	Alberta Southern Coal Co.
	The Taber Coal Company.

#### Total Coal Production

1905 to 1911 (Estimated)	563,520 tons
1912 to 1931	1,334,300 "
1932 to 1931	508,180 "
1932 to 1941	141,802 "
1942 to 1961	1,287,818 "
1962 to June 30, 1965	176,292 "
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1912 photo of Taber Miners Football Team.

Top Row, left to right Billy Noddin, James Appleton Jim Wilson, Bob Huntley, Andrew Stratton, W. Williams, Teddy Thomas, Albert Johnson, Edward Westlake and Bob Paterson.

Bottom row, Gregg Huntley, Lewis Oliver (Captain), Jimmy McMahon and Jack Carr



Photo of Coal City Football Club 1921 Left to right A. Wauters, F. Barge, Dave Howells, Geo. Williams, John Howells, Glen Howells, Reed Peterson, Billy Williams, Lewis Oliver, John Williams, Joe Coorvets, John Yudd and Donald Yudd.



*BASEBALL GAME BETWEEN LETHBRIDGE & TABER  
GALT GARDENS LETHBRIDGE JANUARY 27th 1906*

Baseball, Lethbridge and Taber, Galt Gardens, January 27, 1906.

Taber players, Art Lee, catcher; Jim Walker, pitcher; Roy Lee, 1st base;  
Bill Russell, 2nd base; Charles Edwards, 3rd base; Moan Barton, left field;  
Bill Walker, centre field and John Haynes, right field.



Standing left to right Roy Lee, Jim Walker, Wm. Valgardson, Art Lee,  
Harm Pierson, Bill Walker, Phil Collett, and sitting, Bebe Wing and Hugh  
Johnson.



1908 Junior Baseball Team. Top row, left to right: Alex Walker, Carl Leemis, George Edwards, Rex Walton and George Russell. Bottom row: Tom Walker, Johnnie Shirts, Rube Stringham and Evan Stringham



Both James Hansen and Roy S. Lee were elected by the Social Credit Party as Members of the Alberta Legislative Assembly. James Hansen also served as Mayor of Taber for three years.

# SPORT PAGE

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## TABER BASEBALL TEAM



### WON ON THEIR MERITS

## LETHBRIDGE AND TABER PLAY TIE

The Lethbridge team, which won the championship of the province last year, played a tie game with the Taber team in a game played at Lethbridge, Alberta, on Sunday, Sept. 10. The game was a tie, 1-1. The Lethbridge team, which won the championship of the province last year, played a tie game with the Taber team in a game played at Lethbridge, Alberta, on Sunday, Sept. 10. The game was a tie, 1-1.

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Photo of 1911-12 Champions shown on opposite page, who won the amateur baseball championship of Southern Alberta, and with two years' leadership won permanent possession of the Lethbridge Brewing & Malting Company Trophy. As recorded on the opposite page, the Lethbridge Herald paid a very fine tribute to this deserving baseball team.

Left to right Roy McComas, Carl Judson, Dugan, Ferrar, Roy Lee, Ernie Leper, Campbell, Art Lee and Tibets.



Photo of 1912 team taken on railway platform at Magrath while on a league game trip. Bottom row left to right Neal McKellar, —, Charles Edwards, Roy McComas, C. E. Nelson and Ted Sandal, secretary of ball club. Top row, (stranger by trunk), Ernie Cook, Alf Barbour, George Birch, umpire, Ernie Leper, Art Lee, Carl Judson, Mrs. Carl Judson and Roy Lee.



#### 1912 Baseball Team.

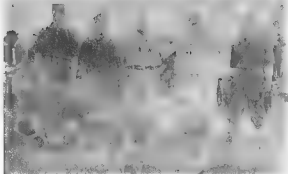
Front row, left to right, Archie Glendinning, Ernie Cook, Roy McComas, and Art Lee. Middle Row Mr. Wheatley, Ernie Leper, and Charles Edwards. Back row- Alf Barbour, Carl Judson, Ray Lee, and Neil McKellar.



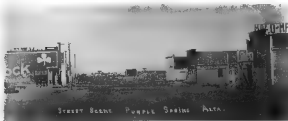
#### 1912 Game at Warner

Back Row, left to right, Ray Lee, Ernie Cook, Ernie Leper, Mr. Wheatley, Neil McKellar and Roy McComas. Front row Archie Glendinning, Alf Barbour, Carl Judson and Art Lee.

Car is model 17 Buick owned by Ted Sundal.



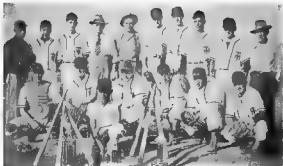
1911 Purple Springs baseball team. Photo with three players from Taber was taken at Burdett. Bottom row—left to right Paul Heaglin, Harry Hudson, Bill Hudson and Art Lee. Top row—Carl F Hack, Roscoe Boddy, Roy S. Lee, C. E. Nelson and Ed Driscoll. Sitting on bench—Hills Hetherington and Ernie Cook.



Street Scene Purple Springs Alta.

Likely a 1921 or 1922 photo of Purple Springs located north of railway. The general store on the left was operated by T. R. Hudson for many years and sold to Mr. Wright in 1920. Above the store was a popular dance hall with a good maple floor, where in 1910-11-12 the Sundal orchestra played for numerous dances. In the spring of 1912 the hall was used for roller skating.

The second building north of store was the J. O. Chance Hotel, and the third the Jas. Milligan real estate office and later used as a post office. On the right the Hale-Mahon lumber yard, next the Hinks machine shop, and J. J. MacLellan blacksmith shop. For some years all the buildings have been removed from the site.



1934 Taber Merchants Juniors won the Southern Alberta Championship, and lost out to Toftfield Legionnaires in a three of five series for the Alberta Junior Baseball Championship.

Bottom row—left to right Bob Laurie, Chuck Wentz, Gordie Laurie, Billy Bunge, Bill Taniguchi, Lyle Howg and Johnny Kanno. Back row—Harry McKibben (coach manager), Harry Seldys, Ray Whitehead, George Savage, Casey Anderson, Larry Anderson, Lynn Layton, Ross McKibben, Dickie Wiest and Van Duncombe (trainer). Missing from the picture: Danny Laurie, Bob Furukawa, Sat Maruyama, Marvin Baker and Ralph Maier.



Charles O. Lochr Studio which was purchased from Mr. Abbot in the fall of 1913 and moved to Russell Avenue.



1910-11 Champions of Southern Alberta



1911-12 Champions of Southern Alberta

Left to right: A. G. Cook, A. B. Cook, L. T. Cook, J. E. Cook, A. Barbour, G. Baird, H. W. Cook and A. Glendinning

This team won the 1912 amateur cup. All efforts have failed to locate a picture of the team with Charley Ramsay holding the Cup. In the spring of 1912 Taber citizens raised \$800.00 to send the team to Winnipeg to enter the Allan Cup competition. The first game was 8-8 tie, but owing to colds and illness of several players the second game was defaulted as they could not ice a team. The team travelled in a special car and Fred Douglas went along as manager.





1907 Girls' Basketball Team. Top row, left to right Vera Southworth, Harriet Collett, Mercy Lindsey and Rose Francis. Middle Row Ada Wilcox, Tillie Walton, Margaret VanOrman and Geneva Wing. Bottom row, Lenora Collett and Estella Probert.



1907 Girls' Basketball Team. Top row, left to right Stella Anderson, Estella Probert, Harriet Collett, Lenora Collett, Margaret VanOrman, Hennie Love, Mercy Lindsey, Geneva Wing, Matilda Walton and Ada Wilcox.



1905 Girls' Basketball Team. Top row, left to right: Harriet Collett, Estella Probert, Estella Anderson. Bottom row: Geneva Wing, Vera Wilcox, and Bonnie Love.



1907 Men's Basketball Team. Top row, left to right, Walter Mathews, J. E. Evanson and Bert Anderson. Bottom row: Charles Edwards, Wm. Valgardson and Hyrum Evans.



The Take Downs won the 1954-55 Alberta High School Championship. Bottom row -left to right Betty Johnson, Maria Shockey, Gwen Tufts, (captain), Mildred Pavka and Cathy Johnson. Back row Carolyn Conrad, Gwen Fogmark, Larry Anderson (coach), Mary Ann Peters, Miss Ines Gibb (manager), Jean Nerland and Margaret Lewis.



1955 Taber High School Curling Club

Bottom row—left to right: Maria Erickson, Marion Peterson, Ralph Meier, Ivan Erickson, Ralph Sloan, Mildred Peterson, Diana Dumas and Elaine Bullock. Middle row: Dennis Barr, Cordell Bolton, Hoyt Price, Brian Collett, Steven Bogdan, Blair Shaw, Beverly Young, Mac Noble, Marilyn Dumas, Kaye MacKenzie and H. B. Myers, principal. Top row: Jack Johnson, Miles Kuryvsk, Ken Ohashi, Leslie Chomany, Ken Peterson, Wallace Meyers, Maurice Williams, Leonard Sanderson, Joyce Heywood and Louise Willis.



**First Taber Hospital**

For hospital purposes By-Law No. 43 for \$4000 was passed on the 29th of August, 1911, By-Law No. 58 for \$4000 passed on the 16th of August, 1912; and By Law No. 72 for \$4000 passed on the 11th of February, 1913. The debenture money was used to construct and equip the above hospital, located a half block northeast of the School Dormitory. Owing to increasing expenditures necessary from taxation funds in 1919-20-21 to operate the hospital it was permanently closed down.



**New Municipal Hospital Built in 1943**

The hospital was officially opened on the 17th of September, 1943, by the Honourable W. W. Cross, M.D., Dr. Bow, deputy minister, E. E. Maxwell, supervisor of hospitals and Roy S. Lee, M.L.A. The construction cost for building and equipment amounted to \$70,000.



#### The First Hospital Board

Seated left to right, Motron, Miss Claudia Tennant, trustees, T. M. Allen Sr., Mayor Douglas Miller, chairman, and R. F. Brewin. Standing — Geo. H. Savage, secretary-treasurer and Dr. John H. Muth, medical superintendent. Ted Sandal was the secretary treasurer during the construction period, which owing to rising war costs was on a day labour basis and not contracted. The board devoted a great deal of time in organizing the municipal development, and a special tribute is due to Dr. John H. Muth, who alone in wartime provided efficient medical services for five thousand people



On June 1st, 1965, a new \$300,000 wing to Taber hospital was opened by Dr Alfred Hamman, who performed the ribbon cutting ceremony. Father C. J. Lyons dedicated the building, and Dr. M. G. McCallum, M.D., Director of Hospital and Medical Services for the Department of Public Health, was the feature speaker. Frank Brewin, chairman of the Taber Hospital Board was master of ceremonies. The addition now provides a 70 bed hospital.



Photo of 1914-15 winter term of night school typewriting class. Classes held on Tuesday and Thursday nights, and typewriters rented from Underwood Company. Class authorized under authority from Dr. J. C. Miller, Director of Technical Education.

Top row, left to right Miss Freid (school teacher), Wilbur Cook, Miss Haslam (school teacher), Jack Cook, Elmer Larsen, Clara A. Sundal, Wayne Winchester and Joe Tuffeland. Middle row Agnes Brand, Rella Clark, Velma Wilson, Ted Sandal, instructor, Lillian Wilson, Hazel Hammer and Wm. Larsen. Bottom row Margaret Tom, Sylvia Edwards, Mabel Tuffeland, Jean Miller and Lillian Tuffeland.

#### WINTER TERM 1926-27

Evelyn Frear, Beth Smith, J. Sundberg, Mrs. Hitchcock, Jeanne Gustard, Lettie Tufts, Ellen Johnson, Harry Myers, Carl McCarter, Mrs. C. Layton, Ogden Gudman, Edna Evanson and Ella Barton.

#### WINTER TERM 1927-28

Maud Burch, Olive Harding, Thora Harding, Effie Stalker, Mrs. Hitchcock, Clara A. Sundal, Ellen Johnson, Marten Stephenson, Helen McDonald, Eva Holmes and Norma Valgardson.



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Winners 1st Prize  
Lethbridge Contest,  
August 10, 1910

The Taber Prize Band  
Robert Ikey, Leader.  
Winners 1st Prize  
Raymond Contest  
September 23, 1910

Winners 2nd Prize  
Lethbridge Contest  
August 24, 1911



UNITED MINE WORKERS BAND 1913 1914

Photo taken in front of Miners Hall located across the street east of School Division Garage. In 1927 the hall was sold to the Masonic Lodge and moved to the present site on Main Street where it was enlarged and improved.



Johansen Junior Orchestra played their first public appearance in the Miners Hall on Christmas day in 1918. It was an afternoon Christmas treat program with Santa Claus for 250 children.

Left to right: Earl Birch, W. F. Bullock, Marion Bell, John Johansen, Stewart McRoberts, Gladys Tufteland and Willie McRoberts.



#### THE SUNDAL ORCHESTRA

Played for public dances in 1910, 1911 and early 1912 when some of the members moved away.

Left to right: Carl Loomis, Ted Sundal, Ingvald Sundal and Walter Coombs.



L. D. Wright, Leader

In 1932 the band played in a band competition in Victoria Arena at the Calgary Stampede. Nine bands in the competition and Taber won fourth place. Photo taken outside of the Arena.

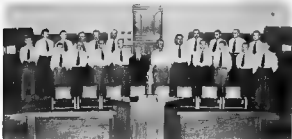


John Johansen, Leader

Taber band in Calgary Stampede parade on July 8, 1940.



John Johansen, Leader  
Photo of Taber Legion Band taken July 1 1941



George Humphries, Leader  
Photo of Taber Male Voice Choir taken April 1 1949.  
Back row, left to right: Maurice Scott, Howard Christensen, Cpl. Silna, Wm. Maier, Hubert Pyne, Ross Gibb, Stan Bartram, Edwin Palmer, Harvey Vickery and Arnold Odland.  
Front row: Roy Maier, Wallace McDonald, Keith Harris, D. Ellingsen, Accompanist Loren Easthope, Bvb. A. J. Thompson, T. C. Byrne, Fred Pritchard, Albert Clark and R. McKenzie

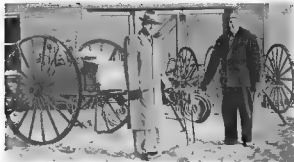


Photo of chemical twin tanks on hand drawn cart. In 1907 the Town purchased two of these units, placing a unit on each of the north and south sides. After equipping a team fire truck in 1912, one of the chemical units was sold to Rellaw. The photo was taken in December 1933 of the unit at Rellaw with Ray Hackett and Ted Sundel at the hand pulling tongue. The building is the old fire hall and there is a large concrete cistern under the hose reel equipment shown above.

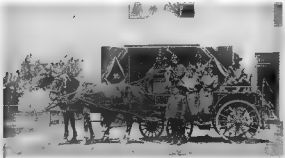


Photo of former Rellaw 4-cylinder motor pumping unit recently purchased by the Taber Fire Department. It was used to pump into a hose line from the centrally located fire hall cistern. The horse drawn unit was in a recent Town parade, with Dan Tinsley, the driver, and E. H. Price.



Photo of 1912 team fire truck The following are some of the expenditures items in the town financial statement

Salaries, teamster	\$600.00
Fixing fire hall and furniture, etc	488.72
Additional 4-inch hose and reels	504.72
Coats and helmets	81.00
Two new buildings for hose reels	326.00
Upkeep of team	198.00



Decorated fire truck with horses and crew ready for the 1st of July, 1913 celebration. From left to right Jas. H. Pierson, driver, Bill Murdoch, Jack Buchanan, Ray Myers, Billy Burrows, Bill Reed, and Robt. Faulds, fire chief.



A recent parade photo of two town fire trucks, a 1940 unit now used for rural fire fighting and the new modern 1951 truck. All efforts failed to secure a photo of the 1918 Dodge purchased for \$1,280.30 as recorded in the town financial statement.



A 1940 photo of members of fire brigade taken in the Social Hall after the 22nd annual firemen's ball. Bottom row, left to right: Ray Tolson, Fred Brown, Ted Watts, E. L. Anderson, Bill Ward, Johannes Malinsky, and Jim Stubbett. Top row: Frank Love, Boris Fabritius, Len Haworth, Bob McCausland, Sil Bonetto, Art Oliver and Ray Hackett. Standing: George Vayro and Angus McKay.



1913 Taber Fire Department football team. Top row, left to right James Ostler, Bill Marrow, Bob Paterson, Tom Paterson, and Bill Wardeck. Middle row, Dan McGilvery, Maxwell, Fire Chief Cappy Faulds, George Bain and Teddy Cartneff. Bottom row Jack Bateman and Jack Carr.



1907 football team. Top row, left to right Meller, Johnson, H. Bland, J. Eastman, S. Poole and A. Campbell. Bottom row Green, R. W. Long, J. Houk, T. Parkinson, Harwood, J. Poole, Brand,



The first Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was constructed in 1905 about one block northeast of the present school dormitory. On October 31st, 1906, the building was completely destroyed by fire after a Primary party that evening. A new church was built immediately on the same foundation. In December, 1924, this second building was also totally destroyed by fire.



Abbotts Studio photo likely taken in 1908-09. Left to right, Emma Augusta Francis, Minnie VanOrman and Mrs George Quibell. On August 11, 1904, the Relief Society was organized with Minnie VanOrman as president, and other officers were: Emma Francis, Mary E. Lindsay, Margaret Evans and Minnie Layton.



Five past presidents of the Relief Society Photo dated March 17, 1942  
Left to right Mrs. L. Stringham, Mrs. Ma Wood, Mrs. Sina Meacham, Mrs. Ethel Hall and Mrs. Georgina VanOrman



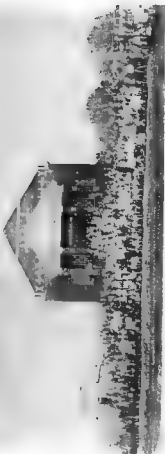
A photo of L.D.S. Choir which took an active part in the Dedication of the Temple at Cardston in August, 1928 John Johansen, leader, and Mrs. Eva Francis, organist.



New chapel dedicated in August 1931 June 14, 1942, photo of Sunday school 100% attendance objective. Sunday school superintendents were Wilbern VanOrman, Burns Wood and Jack Barton. The Bishop of the Ward was Harold Wood



Singing mothers choir of Relief Society. Top row, L. to R. Eva Francis, Eva Harris, Lois Westhara, Lucille Valgardson, Eulala Anderson, Elsie Johnson, Thomas Russell, Olive Johnson, Mary Bullock, Rita Wood, Ma Wood, Helma Bates and Emma Harris, choir leader. Bottom row Sina Mescham, Annie Robinson, Ethel Hall, Madge Johnson, Gwen Wright, Roxie Harris, Eleanor Holman and Julia Bullock.





The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Taber First and Second Wards, chapel and recreational hall, was dedicated on Sunday, August 29, 1954. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Elder Sterling W. Sill, assistant to the Quorum of Twelve Apostles of the Church.



Presiding officers at the Dedication Services, left to right, Dale E. Clifton, 2nd Counselor of First Ward; Ray R. Evanson, Bishop of First Ward, Elder Elmo E. Fletcher, 1st Counselor Stake Presidency, Lethbridge Stake, Elder Sterling W. Sill, assistant to Quorum of Twelve Apostles, Grant G. Woolley, president of Lethbridge Stake, Owen Steed, 2nd Counselor Stake Presidency, Lethbridge Stake; Edwin N. Francis, Bishop of Second Ward; Edwin H. Price, 1st Counselor of Second Ward, and Burns Wood, 2nd Counselor of Second Ward.



# 1906 Taber School Picture — 90 Students and Two Teachers

(List of Names not complete.)

Left Section	Centre Section	Right Section
21 Persons	37 Persons	34 Persons
<p> <b>Evangelina Kenney,</b>  <b>Teacher</b> </p> <p> Hyrum Evans  Clarence Bigelow  Raymond Jensen  Herman Jensen  Lee Scott  Vernon Bigelow  Alex Walker  Ralph Taft  Nathan Johnson  Willie Haycock  Van Lindsay  Wesley Neilson  Phyllis Neilson  Morse Neilson </p>	<p> Raymond Hall  Charles Taft  Horton Layton  William Hall  Pete Valgardson  Ephraim Valgardson  Rudolph Jensen  Evan Stringham  Rulon Stringham  Richard Lindsay  Johnnie Shirts  Joseph Engleson  Myrtle Sherwood  Engle Engleson  Leslie Bigelow  Leland Johnson  Tessie Scott  Van Kildgrew  Sina Johnson  Willie Jensen  Sella Walton  Hannah Larsen  Elta Francis  Phyllis Hobbs  Jennie Barton  Thomas Walker  Rex Walton  Leon Walton  Kathy Haycock  Mamie Elder  Lous Elder  Vera Elder  Leslie Shirts  Jay Anderson  Sylvia Edwards  Southworth  Lizzie Jensen </p>	<p> <b>Miss Dowser,</b>  <b>Teacher</b> </p> <p> James Douglas  Ben Barton  Sylvester Southworth  Orin Stott  Rella Clark  Ivy Hall  Annie Johnson  Dah Hobbs  Ethel Lee  Goldie Wing  Theresa Layton  Marreta VanOrman  Sarah Sherwood  Flora Hall  Eva Larsen  Mabel Douglas  Veda Stringham  Lola Sherwood  LaVan VanOrman  Josephine Barton  Blanch VanOrman  Lillian Wilson  Jean Miller  Nephi Sherwood  Moral Elder  Ernest Sherwood  Murrell Bigelow  Clarence Elder  Harshal VanOrman  Jim Shirts  Tom Hall  Bertha Winchester  Vera Wilcocks  Marchessault </p>



1907 Mrs. Edgar Pringle Music Class.

Bottom row, left to right: Oris Hobbs, Sybil Davis, Johnnie Shirts, Loten Davis, Leslie Shirts, Ed Hobbs, Dewey Nelson, Josephine Barton, Sylvia Edwards and Ruby Haynes. Middle row: Alvin Demarce, Eva Larsen, Bessie Holman, Goldie Wing, Elise Beck, Thoma Layton, Phyllis Hobbs, Janie Barton and Belle Love. Top row: May Pazman, Ivy Hull, Mrs. Clar Bennett, Mrs. E. S. Bowden, Mary Walker, Mrs. E. Pringle, Sarah Haynes, Mrs. Henry Hudson, Maggie Van-Orman, Addie Barrett, Geneva Wing and Earnest Collett.



A 1908 photo of a group which has likely taken part in a Character Ball at the Shirla Opera House. Bottom row: left to right: Cora Wing, Archie Loomis, Geneva Wing, and Goldie Wing. Top row: A cook employed at the Palace Hotel, Mrs. F. J. Herscher, L. Johnson, Grace Gibson and Charles Walker.

# Taber Chamber of Commerce

## And Agriculture



### HISTORY INFORMATION

The Taber Board of Trade was formally organized in February, 1907, when by-laws were drafted and printed.

#### CHARTERED SPECIAL C.P.R. SLEEPER TO EDMONTON AND RETURN

In the early spring of 1912, about 25 members of the Board of Trade, and a few wives, chartered a special C.P.R. sleeper to Edmonton and return.

The purpose of the delegation was to interview the Arthur L. Sifton Liberal government, and urge a provincial guarantee of Canadian Northern Railway bonds, to construct a line from Saskatoon to Taber.

The Taber Board of Trade were seeking direct rail transportation for a coal market in northeast Alberta and Saskatchewan.

The Canadian Northern Railway made a survey and secured a charter from the Alberta Legislature. A branch line was later constructed to a point near the Red Deer River northeast of Brooks, with a skeleton railway bridge on the river and we believe the structure is still there in 1955.

The full delegation including the ladies met the Sifton Government, when Mayor W. W. Douglas presented the case for Taber. Honourable Archie McLean was a member of the government.

#### 1950 REORGANIZATION

In 1950 the Taber Board of Trade reorganized as the Taber Chamber of Commerce and in 1955 have added the words "And Agriculture."

## History Information

### MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF EUREKA NO. 65

On August 13, 1912, a plebiscite of farmers was taken to organize the municipality. The vote was 81 in favor and 1 against.

At a nomination meeting held on January 27, 1913, the following Councillors were elected by acclamation:

John J. McLehlan  
Samuel Fisher  
Neil M. Stalker  
John R. Fletcher  
Harry A. Driggs

Harry A. Driggs was the first Reeve, and John J. McLehlan, Deputy Reeve. S. A. Buchanan was appointed as Secretary Treasurer.

### MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF EUREKA NO. 14

By Ministerial Order dated April 6, 1945, the municipality was renumbered as 14, and the adjoining Local Improvement District No. 65, to number 15.

By Ministerial Order dated December 29, 1949, the Local Improvement District No. 15, was merged with Eureka No. 14 as an enlarged municipality.

### MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TABER NO. 14

On recommendation of the Co-Terminus Boundary Commission, the municipality was merged with Improvement District No. 23 and part of Special Area No. 4, to become the Municipal District of Taber No. 14, in December 1953.

#### 1956 Council

Neph J. Jensen, Reeve	Robert T. Smith
James Graham, Deputy Reeve	Sidney W. Bryant
Ivan E. Harris	Clarence Rombough
David A. Ferguson	Douglas Francis, Sec. Treas.

#### Secretaries Employed

S. A. Buchanan  
Robert McLachlan  
F. Arnold Baker  
Archibald C. Harris  
Douglas Francis

# History Information

## TABER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

### FIRST FARMERS' MEETING

The Taber Agricultural Society called the first meeting in the Town Hall, Taber, on the 8th of November, 1913 for a discussion on irrigation. The majority were in favor of a development and appointed a committee to investigate the possibilities and report at a future meeting.

### OFFICIALLY ORGANIZED ON JUNE 29, 1915

At our request the Irrigation Districts Act was drafted and passed by the Alberta Legislature on the 17th of April, 1915.

The Taber Irrigation District was officially authorized at an election held in the Barnwell School on Tuesday, the 29th of June, 1915.

The following were elected as the first board of trustees: Lawrence Peterson, John W. Anderson and Carl C. Cook. At a board meeting after the election, Carl C. Cook was appointed chairman, and Ted Sundal, secretary-treasurer.

### PROJECT CONSTRUCTED 1919-1920

Up to 1955 the following have been elected to the board of trustees.

Lawrence Peterson	T. W. Harris	Bryant McMillan
John W. Anderson	Samuel E. Ayers	Nepht J. Jensen
Carl C. Cook	E. A. Stringham	W. Bern S. Johnson
John T. Willard	H. N. Peterson	Edwin N. Francis
William Valgardson	Carson B. Hill	Frank P. Stevens

### DITCHRIDERS EMPLOYED

Parley Palmer	James W. Fuller	Harold Haynes
Chester Asplund	Joe Haynes	Orland L. Johnson
E. L. Palmer	Edwin Palmer	Louis A. Martin
George Allison	Howard Wood	Loren A. Easthope
John G. Barton	Reed G. Peterson	Boyd Anderson
Ingvall Sundal	Walter Valgardson	

Ted Sundal has served continuously as secretary since the first meeting in November 1913, with the exception of three years army service leave in World War One.

Ken Anderson has been employed as assistant secretary since June 1937.

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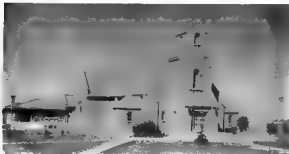
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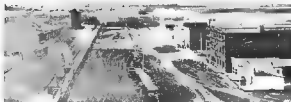


#### ST AUGUSTINE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

The church was constructed in 1910. Prior to building Mass was said in Cousins Hall, a two storey building located a half block east of Gerbich Electric Hatchery. In 1933 the church building was moved to Vauxhall. The Taber Kiwanis Club has constructed a concrete wading pool on the former church site.



A new Catholic Church was constructed in 1960 and was blessed by Bishop Carroll on the 27th of May, and Father Lyons in charge of the Parish.



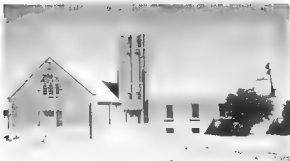
#### FIRST KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The first Presbyterian church was constructed in the fall of 1905 and the location is the white building at the west end of Main Street in this 1907 photo. The building was moved about 1908 to the present property.



#### SECOND KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This building was constructed during the years of 1910 and 1911, and was dedicated in the spring of 1912. The first little church was sold for school purposes, and moved to the White Ash mine three miles north of town.



#### TABER UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

A larger and modern church was constructed on the west side of the old building which was dedicated on May 15 1933. by the pastor Rev Geo D Young, B.A., B.D. assisted by Rev G H Villett B.A., D.D. Rev V Yoshioka, M.A. B.D., Rev Geo Telus, Rev J Soroohan, Rev W J Collett, B.D. B. Ed. Rev A T King, and Rev S. J. B. Parsons D. D.



#### NEW TABER TOWN HALL

The building was constructed in 1918 as a Court House. The Town paid \$15,000.00 for the lots in 1913 and donated the site. In 1933 the Town purchased the building for \$8,000.00 as a Town Hall, and now receives a monthly rent for the court house room.



#### TABER GOSPEL HALL

In 1941 the former Powell & Stephenson grocery store brick veneered building and later the Telfon Garage, located on the corner directly northeast of the fire hall, was purchased moved and remodelled for church purposes. Mr W. E. Hall was mainly responsible for organizing the early congregation and sponsoring the Gospel Hall building program. In 1955 the services is ably carried on by Mr E. Fletcher and assisted by Miss R. Krenke.



#### THE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

The church was constructed and dedicated on March 16, 1947, with Rev. L. W. Foemark from Enchant as the first pastor. The Evangelical Free Church work began at Taber in 1944 under the leadership of Mr Emil Aasen.



Front View of Taber War Memorial Swimming Pool Constructed in 1948



Inside view of the pool taken from the diving platform.

# THE MAYORS OF TABER



**J. Truswell**  
1907



**W. W. Douglas**  
1907 1908-1909  
1910-1913 1913



**Alex Beck**  
1911



**Don Melo**  
1914-1915 1916



**J. T. Willard**  
1917-1918



**E. R. Vickery**  
1919-1920-1921



**J. Hourigan**  
1922-1923



**Wm. Gidman**  
1924-1925-1926



**J. E. Evensen**  
1927 1928 1928 1930-1940

## THE MAYORS OF TABER



**L. T. Westlake**  
1929-1930-1931  
1932-1933-1934



**James Hansen**  
1935-1936-1937



**Douglas Miller**  
1941-1942-1943



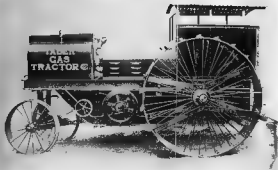
**Edward Browne**  
1944-1945-1946-1947-1948-  
1949-1950-1951-1952



**Marr Bodie**  
1953-1954



**Carl C. Cook**  
1955-1956



In the Taber Board of Trade booklet "The Story of Taber" published in 1912, there is the following paragraph.

"The Taber Gas Tractor Company has already been organized to manufacture the Taber tractor, which is a machine invented by a Minneapolis man, specially remarkable for its power. The tractor is more powerful, with less weight, than any other machine on the market, and the manufacture of the tractor gives promise of developing an industry that will give employment to a large number of men, and will bring Taber into prominence as an industrial centre."

A quarter section of land the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  36-6-17-4 located half a mile west of the Canada West mine, was purchased by the Company and surveyed as "West Taber" subdivision. It contained thirty three blocks of residential lots and the tractor site north of the railway.





#### ENGINE

On June 9th, 1905, a committee from the newly organized Leona Club, consisting of first club president James Douglas, Al Head, Ted Sundal and Bill Allen, used the Town Cat with Cappy Faulds as the operator and pulled the 33 year old Taber Gas Tractor to the damp grounds. It was the "end of the journey" for a machine which looked so promising back in 1912, and with hopes for an early major industry for Taber.

A Mr Russell of the Minneapolis was the inventor a friend of Charles B. Hall of the Hall Rutherford Land Co. Ltd., with office and machine shop on the south side where the Williams Service station is now located. Mr Russell came to Taber and held a meeting with the Board of Trade, in which he outlined the merit of his plan to increase the power ratio of a tractor.

The plan looked promising and the result was a group of men paid \$23.00 per share to construct an experimental model in Minneapolis, which in time was completed and shipped to Taber. The first power test was on eight wagons of wheat of one thousand bushels, but we have no record of the success or otherwise of this test. A practical test should have been made out on a farm under general plowing conditions, for a final result. For some reason not known to the writer, no actual plowing test was ever attempted. Perhaps the increased power plan was a failure and only a worthless theory.



Pulling eight loads with 1000 bushels of wheat to Taber elevator

Taber, Alberta, May 18, 1912

Mr T A. Sundal,

Taber, Alberta.

Dear Sir

At a meeting of the committee of the Taber Gas Tractor Company held some time since it was deemed in the best interests of the concern to have the sample engine constructed in Minneapolis, thus ensuring a lower price and much speedier work than could have been done in Taber with the plant at our disposal here at the present time. It was also deemed wise to order two engines to be built, as we secured a much lower rate on each engine by taking two, and the freight charges on two engines from Minneapolis here will be no greater than on one.

We expect these engines to be delivered about the first week in June and a further demand for about \$1,500.00 will be made on us to defray the cost of the second engine. In raising this extra amount your committee was of the opinion that all those who had subscribed and paid up in the first levy should have the first right to take a second share by subscribing the sum of \$63.00 on this further levy. If you desire to take this further interest in the concern you may do so by calling at the office of the Taber Security Company on or before the 25th inst and paying in or securing the payment of the sum of \$63.00 in addition to the amount already paid by you. Should you fail to take up this offer by the above date the share now offered you will be otherwise disposed of.

Mr Simmons reports as the result of his trip to Minneapolis that, in his opinion, the engine in question is all that could be desired and a decided improvement on any other make now on the market and that there should be no difficulty in disposing of each of the sample engines at a good margin of profit.

Yours truly,

(Signed) E. B. TAINTER

Acting Secretary of Committee



A November 1942 photo of some members of the Lions Club who assisted in sponsoring and advertising the Third Victory Loan campaign during World War II. Signs were placed on each side of the town fire truck which was paraded around the business streets. Left to right Cecil Johnson, A. K. Bullock, Rev W. J. Collett, Cecil Mahon, R. L. Anderson, James Black, Don Munro, L. T. Westlake, Ted Sundal, Len Haworth and J. H. Prowse.



A conference on bond selling in the recreation room of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Left to right A. K. Bullock, Don Munro, Cecil Mahon, J. H. Prowse, James Black, Rev W. J. Collett, Len Haworth, Ted Sundal and L. T. Westlake.



In the spring of 1949 Casey Derlin as A.M.A. sponsor with 18 members of the School Patrol, were special guests at a regular Luncheon of the Lions Club in the Canadian Legion Hall. Lion President Ted Sundal on behalf of the Club, presented a \$1.00 bill to each member of the Patrol for show ticket purposes.

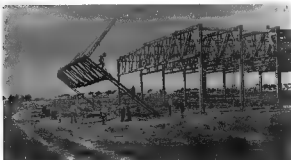


In June 1947 the annual church parade of members of the Lions Club was held in the Anglican Church. After the services a photo was taken on the lawn of Lion L. Westlake. Lion president Ray Rickett, was in charge of the parade.



#### CONSTRUCTION EXPENDITURES TO 1953

Taber Lions Club	\$52,000.00
Town of Taber	48,000.00
Late Mrs. G. Price Bequest	2,000.00
Miscellaneous Donations	2,000.00
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	\$114,000.00



Raising last truss in July 1951 Building 274 ft. long, 114 ft. wide.



#### LOTTIE STRINGHAM ICE CREAM PARLOR

A 1905-06 photo of a popular meeting place of young folks after ball games and sports on the recreation grounds. It was located directly north of the Smith & Wood store about at the north wall of the present school garage. The Miners Hall was across the street on the east side. Left to right: B. A. Stringham and children, Malina, Stan and Veda.

Board of Trade supported sports for publicity purposes.

#### CHARTERED SPECIAL TRAIN TO HOCKEY GAME IN PINCHER CREEK

In January 1912 about 250 rip-roaring hockey fans from youngsters to grandmothers, chartered a special train and return to a game in Pincher Creek. The Taber band made the trip in ten below zero weather to provide lively music in the railway cars and at the game.

Yes, Taber won the game which was in the days when the Taber Chets put Taber on the sports map of Western Canada. This great hockey club which started the famous four Cook brothers of A. B., Lloyd, Wilbur and Len, as well as Alf Barbour, J. Ernie Cook, G. Baird, A. Glendenning and A. G. Cook, won a high percentage of games against city teams.

While the Taber committee with A. B. Cook were purchasing the 250 tickets, the conductor unaware of the ticket deal, shouted "all-aboard" and the train left. Nearing Barnwell nobody had tickets and it was necessary to back up the train to Taber to pick up the ticket buying committee.

At Pincher station located about two miles from the Town and rink, a group of large wagon box bob sleighs hauled the hockey team, band and officials first, and in relays moved the large crowd of fans to the rink.



1939 Council of Taber Standing left to right: James Douglas, J. W. McPherson, Douglas Miller and Nick Karras. Sitting, Samson Sanderson, town secretary treasurer, Max Donaldson, Edward Browne and Mayor J. E. Evanson.



1936 Board of Trustees of the Taber Irrigation District Seated left to right: C. B. Hill, William Valgardson, chairman, B. E. McMullin. Standing, Ted Sundal, secretary-treasurer.



Two photos of the 7th Annual Alberta Convention of the Loyal Order of Moose held in the Legion Hall on August 30, 1952. A record for Alberta was established when 226 Lodge members, and 181 members of chapters, registered for the convention. Officers elected were: John McDade of Blairmore, Grand Junior Governor was elected to head the Moose of Alberta as Grand Governor for the next year with Frank Burlank of Taber, Past Grand Governor. Other officers elected were: Grand Junior Governor, Val Marshall of Medicine Hat, Grand Prelate, Graham Brouch of Calgary, Grand Sergeant-at-arms, A. Anderson of Edmonton; Grand Secretary E. J. Thompson of Edmonton. Convention chairman was Ural Lawrence. The Taber Chamber of Commerce donated corn-on-the-cob for about 400 guests at the banquet.





In 1944 two varieties of tobacco were grown in the Ted Sandel test plots one mile west of Taber. The varieties were "White Mammoth 61", and "Parfum d'Espagne".

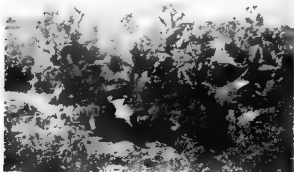




Photo of 1936 broom corn grown on David Hall farm five miles east of Taber. From left to right F. P. Boyce, Wm. Valgardson, Victor W. Campbell, David Hall, Howard Slutchbury and Cecil Mahon. Party holding stalks of broom corn unknown. Mr. Slutchbury was Publicity Commissioner for Alberta.



Broom corn grown in Taber district during 1934-35-36. A small broom factory was established in Taber in July 1936 by Ted Sunde. Employees of broom factory left to right Mr. Hamilton and Fred Seel, corn sorters and Alex Petasek broom maker.



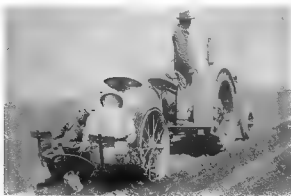
A 1936 field of sugar cane grown on the farm of Ben A. Biringham, three miles west of Taber. Early day settlers in western United States grew sugar cane for home made molasses purposes. Ben Biringham at left and other party unknown.



A 1933 photo of tomato growers inspecting two acre Dominion Experimental plot on farm of Ole Olson at Crossford, Alberta. Mr. I. L. McNamee, head of Horticultural Research, is pointing to and discussing tomato crop experimental results.



Photo of 1944 sweet potatoes grown by Ted Sundel, a mile west of Taber. The variety was a seedling cross from Porto Rico and Nancy Hall. The seedling has since been named the Ranger. The seed was ordered and shipped from the State College at Manhattan, Kansas.



1944 photo of planting sweet potatoes. It is a tobacco planter, Harry Watts at left and Ted Sundel right. Howard Francis on tractor. Two men can plant one thousand plants per hour.



We wish to express our appreciation to Mr. Robert Broder, who in 1934 organized the Taber Canning Co. Limited, which successfully established the canning industry in Southern Alberta.

#### THE TABER CANNERY DEVELOPMENT

Through unpaid tax proceedings, the Town of Taber acquired the three storey veneered King George Hotel building. The Taber Irrigation District were in a financial position to construct a cannery building.

After numerous meetings with town and government officials, and a study of available co-operative legislation, it was finally decided to seek a special Act of our own.

Bill No. 6 of 1934, was drafted with authority to the Taber Irrigation District to finance \$7,500.00 for cannery building purposes. The Bill was sponsored by Premier J. E. Brownlee and passed in the Alberta Legislature on the 21st of March, 1934.

In the spring of 1934, the Town made use of relief labour on an hourly payment basis to dismantle the hotel building. The usable lumber and brick and the four acre site gave the Town a credit of \$6,764.28. The Taber Irrigation District expenditure in cash and open accounts amounted to \$11,233.72, which makes a construction total of \$18,000.00.

The cannery building was rented for \$133.00 per month with an option to buy and rents to apply, to Robert Broder and E. L. Cross who formed a partnership to supply the processing machinery. Mr. Broder subsequently purchased the partnership interest of Mr. Cross.

In 1941, a little less than eight years, Mr. Broder paid out the full investment on a 6% interest basis, which gave the following results:

Town of Taber	\$9,059.21
Taber Irrigation District	14,431.59
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	\$23,490.80



\$18,000.00 Taber Cannery building constructed in 1934.

#### CANNING FACTORY HISTORY

The first two cannery developments in Alberta at Edmonton in 1927, and in Medicine Hat by the Broder Canning Company (Alberta) Limited, were not successful.

From 1929 to 1931 Taber sugar beet growers produced seed peas, string beans and pumpkins which were trucked to Medicine Hat. The distance and truck hauling costs were excessive, and consequently the operation closed down in 1931.

During the five year period from 1929 to 1933, extensive test plots of corn, peas, string beans, spinach and pumpkin were carried on with a group of about twenty sugar beet growers.

The 1933 corn results particularly, revealed the crop as a sound and basic potential for a cannery production. The past 22 years of high yields and high quality corn crops to 1955, is one of the outstanding production achievements in Southern Alberta.



A 1949-50 photo of the former Taber Canning Co. Limited plant which was sold on February 7, 1949 to the Cardiff Canning Co. Ltd., a subsidiary of the Safeway Organization

In the distance is the \$5,000,000 Beet Sugar Factory completing construction for operations in the fall of 1950.

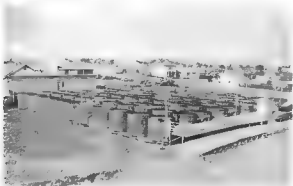


#### NEW CANNERY

A 1955 photo of the new \$350,000 Corvallis Canning Company plant which commenced canning operations in 1955.



A 1935 line-up of corn trucks waiting their turn to unload at the new Corn-wall Canning Company plant.



In 1943, Dyson's Limited pickle manufacturers at Winnipeg purchased a site in Taber and constructed 30 brine tanks and a salt shed. Additional tanks have since been constructed which now number a hundred, with each tank holding about 12 tons of cucumbers. About 300 acres annually is planted in the district and brine processed, and with spur track facilities is shipped in railway tank cars to Winnipeg.



A February 14, 1939, photo taken after a joint committee meeting for a new sugar factory, by members from the Taber Barnward Beet Growers and the Taber Board of Trade. From left to right: Leith Johnson, Roy S. Lee, M.L.A., Anthony Haynes, Mayor J. E. Evanson, E. N. Francis, F. P. Boyce and Ted Sundel.



Photo of \$3,000,000 beet sugar factory constructed in 1950.

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Thousands of tons of sulphurated paper have been donated to the public and professional artists, students and artists who cannot afford to buy the material. The paper is being given at Lethbridge to the public and is a great help to the artists. There is no more paper at Lethbridge, the paper is given to the public and is a great help to the artists.

# SUGAR BEET INDUSTRY

Year	Acres	Total Yield	Average Yield	Sugar Content	Value Acres	Value Gross	
1925	732	4943	6.5	14.41	48.75	37,072.50	
1926	797	8120	8.5	14.41	48.75	37,072.50	
1927	1630	12414	7.5	17.37	61.87	102,415.50	
1928	3262	17741	8.4	17.33	69.59	146,303.25	
1929	3470	28244	8.1	18.10	68.82	239,013.00	575,914.25
1930	4359	45943	10.4	15.85	73.22	321,603.54	
1931	3647	39930	10.3	18.34	82.28	239,694.00	
1932	4347	54442	12.5	17.00	78.27	346,262.50	
1933	4296	45679	10.6	18.41	83.72	274,020.00	
1934	4295	60378	14.0	17.05	94.30	362,290.00	1,537,769.04
1935	4185	46132	11.1	17.99	84.42	287,718.40	
1936	4278	52863	12.3	18.59	78.48	325,680.05	
1937	4533	53148	12.6	18.16	82.80	379,215.00	
1938	4668	67810	14.7	17.97	82.00	423,812.50	
1939	4972	76782	15.44	17.688	111.94	556,666.50	1,963,192.05
1940	5537	82215	14.83	16.32	107.51	596,783.75	
1941	5464	80668	14.76	18.32	118.11	647,744.00	
1942	6321	91537	14.49	17.95	131.25	856,152.25	
1943	6669	79661	11.26	18.10	118.23	835,940.50	
1944	7025	93649	13.33	17.59	142.94	1,004,314.50	3,891,835.00
1945	7239	99484	13.74	16.93	177.29	1,283,432.00	
1946	7241	108140	14.93	16.05	151.59	1,297,690.00	
1947	7259	107428	14.81	16.91	207.34	1,504,439.04	
1948	7434	99857	13.00	17.20	195.45	1,457,865.00	
1949	7548	99931	11.92	14.75	166.88	1,259,034.00	6,797,450.04
1950	7925	115032	14.50	16.63	246.50	1,655,544.00	
1951	7745	98282	11.91	14.67	172.69	1,337,190.00	
1952	8461	126803	14.89	17.53	206.32	1,768,242.00	
1953	8123	116933	13.81	17.09	207.15	1,663,095.00	
1954	8468	121103	14.23	18.41	180.26	1,531,952.95	8,256,823.95
1955	9091	119104	13.10	17.10	183.40	1,687,289.40	1,607,289.40
							894,726,473.72



Late Honourable Archie J. McLean

Archie J. McLean was an early day rancher at Taber. He was the owner of the C Y Ranch, located across the Oldman river about three miles northwest of town.

To cross the river in the summer of 1909 it was necessary to make use of the o.d type ferry service. A new bridge was under construction at that time and on completion it was officially dedicated as the McLean bridge.

At the provincial election on March 22nd, 1910, Mr. McLean, a Liberal won the election against his conservative opponent Dr. Rivers of Raymond.

Late in 1910 Premier Rutherford was forced to resign on a split party railway guarantee issue against the cabinet's handling of the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway financing and construction agreement. Chief Justice Arthur L. Sifton of the Alberta Supreme Court was called by Lieutenant-Governor Bulyea to form a cabinet.

In 1912 the cabinet was increased to eight with Premier Sifton having the following ministers: C. W. Cross, C. E. Mitchell, Archie J. McLean, Duncan Marshall, Malcolm McKenzie, J. R. Boyle and Charles Stewart.

Local 1913 correspondence from the Honourable A. J. McLean reveals he was the Provincial Secretary at that time.

During world war one in 1917, Premier Sifton from Alberta joined the Federal Union Government in the Borden cabinet.

The Honourable Charles Stewart became the new Premier of Alberta, and his Department of Public Works was assigned to the Honourable A. J. McLean.

In the election of July 17th, 1921 the Liberal government was swept out of power by the United Farmers of Alberta. Mr. McLean retired and moved to the Pincher Creek district.



EDMONTON, ALBERTA,  
May 5th 1915.

Dear Sir

On my way through Calgary yesterday I called  
at Mr. SUNDAL's office to see him in reference to the  
agreement between the Farmers of the Taber Irrigation  
District and the C. P. R. but he was out of the City  
and was unable to take the matter up with him in  
connection with the Road issue.

Yours truly

A. J. McLEAN, M.P.

Edmonton

Alberta.

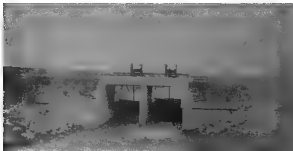
#### A. J. McLEAN LETTER TO T. A. SUNDAL

We wish to pay a public tribute to the Late Honourable Archie J. McLean, who sponsored the 1915 Irrigation District Act which was passed by the Alberta Legislature on the 17th of April, 1915. At the time no provincial legislation existed to legalize a group of land owners into an irrigation district. With available legislation the Taber Irrigation District was formally organized on June 29, 1915, at a vote of land owners held in the Barnwell School. A total of 94 parcels containing 20,500 acres voted in favor and 2 parcels containing 500 acres voted against. Honourable A. J. McLean, made a special trip from Edmonton to attend the organization meeting at the school house, and to enjoy the community picnic provided that afternoon. It was difficult to sell irrigation bonds on the public market at a reasonable price, and in our successful efforts in making a deal with the C.P.R. at par the above letter is a written record of his interest and influence on behalf of the Taber-Barnwell farmers.

In the Jubilee Booklet "Meet Southern Alberta," published by the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Old Timers Association, at Calgary there is a page devoted to "The Calgary Stampede" as follows from the third paragraph:

"The Calgary Stampede is a man's show dreamed up by cowboy-showman Guy Weadick in 1912, and launched on that eventful occasion by four of the biggest ranchers in the west — Pat Burns, George Lane, Archie J. McLean and A. E. Cross. These men had been cowpunchers in their time, who realized that the days of the big unfenced ranches were coming to an end, and that the traditions of hard riding, courage and stamina required in the business were worth keeping alive in the days ahead. The 1912 stampede was the beginning of what has become the most colorful, and exciting week of the year, in Calgary — a northern carnival of dressing up and dancing in the streets similar in many ways to the Mardi Gras festivities down south."

In the back of the booklet there is a photo of Pat Burns, Geo. Lane, A. J. McLean, A. E. Cross, with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (Duke of Windsor.)



#### HEADGATES

Photo of first water turned into Taber Canal at Chin Headgates at 10:30 A.M. Friday, September 10, 1926. Sam G. Porter and Ted Sundal opened the gates.



#### FOUR MEN AT HEADGATES

After twenty-five years of water service to Taber project, above photo was taken on October 11, 1948.

Left to right: Leslie Munroe, Sam G. Porter, George S. Brown and Ted Sundal



In February 1921, the District purchased a second-hand model T Ford for \$250.00. The cab and box was made to order in Calgary at a cost of \$127.60, making a total of \$377.60.



From 1921 to about 1930 all Ditchriders used a horse and cart for transportation. This particular outfit was owned by George Allison, a ditchrider in the Fincastle division.



**A Group of Former and Present  
Officials of Taber Irrigation District**

Left to right seated Wm Valgardson, ex-trustee; John W. Anderson, first trustee; Carl C Cook, first trustee and E. R. McMullin, ex-trustee. Back row F. P. Stevens, present trustee; Wilburn E. Johnson, ex-trustee; Ted Sundal, secretary-treasurer, E. N. Francis, present trustee and chairman, Nephu J. Jensen, present trustee; John G. Barton, operating superintendent and Ken P. Anderson, assistant secretary. Absent was John T. Willard of Vulcan, ex-trustee.

The photo was taken on Wednesday afternoon the 5th of January 1955, at the home of John W. Anderson, Barnwell.

The special event was a brief meeting and some time by present and past available trustees to celebrate the final payment made on December 1 of the District bond issue.

The bond issue of 272 one thousand dollar certificates were signed by Lawrence Peterson and John W. Anderson as trustees. The date of signing was Feb. 23, 1920, at the Bank of Montreal, in Lethbridge, in the presence of Geo. A. Walker, solicitor for the C.P.R., Calgary and Ted Sundal, secretary-treasurer, who used the District Seal to stamp each bond.

The group reviewed and discussed the minutes of some of the early organization meetings, and particularly the first two held on the 8th and 15th of November, 1913.



Photo of Taber Lake Reservoir located a half mile northeast of Taber and constructed in 1940. The motor boat was owned and piloted by Ray Whitney. The lake area covers 1496.02 acres, and at elevation 2610 has a storage of 6280 acre feet.



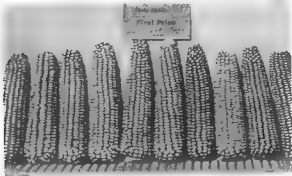
A photo dated Sept. 12, 1949, showing the first scraper full of earth in the construction of the main canal and headgates of the Big Bend division of the St. Mary-River Development northeast of Taber. The location is at the north shore line of Taber Lake reservoir.

Officials present, left to right: six construction workers, John G. Barton, Ted Sundel, James Graham, engineer and C. C. Huchvale, surveyor for P.F.R.A., Jack Shannon of Shannon Brothers, the contractors for six miles of canal and headgates, and two construction workers.



PHOTO OF 1903 GROUP OF ELEVATORS

The C.P.R. allotted the first elevator site at Taber on the 28th of August, 1907, to the Taylor Milling & Elevator Co. Ltd. of Lethbridge. They constructed a 30,000 bushel elevator and the formal lease was signed on September 1, 1908. The location was at the right annex of the Pioneer elevator.



Original photo used for page 103 of Alberta text book "Agriculture for Public Schools." Northwestern Dent Corn grown in Taber district in 1922 by Ted Sundal and John H. Haynes. The 10 ear exhibit won first prize at the 1923 Lethbridge Exhibition.



#### NEW POST OFFICE BUILDING

Senator J. W. Stambough, acting as a representative of the Minister of Public Works of the Dominion Government, officially opened the new building at 2:30 p.m., Friday the 13th of January, 1955. Senator Stambough paid a special tribute to the late Senator W. A. Buchanan, who was the spearhead in securing this building. Mayor Harry Veiner of Medicine Hat, was the master of ceremonies at the opening. Mayor Marr Bodie and Jack Ramsburgh, president of the Chamber of Commerce, were official representatives for Taber. N. H. Loree is postmaster.



#### NEW ALBERTA GOVERNMENT TELEPHONE BUILDING

At 10 p.m., Saturday April 18, 1953, Hon. Gordon Taylor, Minister of Telephones and Transportation, pressed a button which converted the old telephone system into a modern dial system. Mr. A. Higgins, deputy minister and general manager of the Alberta Government Telephones and eleven departmental officials, were all in attendance at the opening ceremonies. Taber representatives were Mayor Marr Bodie, Roy S. Lee, M.L.A., and Sid Neilson, president of Chamber of Commerce. A. A. Chervinski is local manager and Miss Shannon, chief operator.



#### 19.0 CENTRAL SCHOOL.

During 1955 the sum of \$42,441.88 was spent in a general interior modernization program, including windows and ventilation, heating and lighting systems and interior decorating. It is now called the Centra. Elementary School.



In 1947 a combination school and dormitory was constructed, with six classrooms in the lower floor and teacher living apartments in the second floor.



**SOUTH SIDE SCHOOL.**

In 1948 an Air Force building was moved in from Medicine Hat and remodelled into three classrooms. Three additional classrooms were constructed in 1951. This building replaced a former 1907 two storey frame building first located by the Canada West Coal Company mine houses, and later moved in as a south side school.

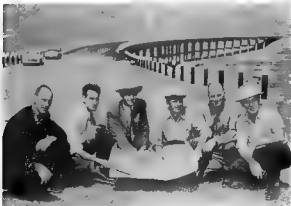


**New High School Building Constructed in 1950**



#### DR HAMMAN SCHOOL IN DOUGLAS ADDITION

At a dedication ceremony on the 18th of April 1953, the building was officially named the Dr. Hamman School by S. Aubrey Earl, a former superintendent of Taber School Division No. 8. Mr. Earl is now co-ordinator of teacher education, Department of Education, who officiated as a representative of Hon. A. O. Aalborg, Alberta Minister of Education.



1955 Pre-Cast concrete bridge on Chin Coulee Reservoir south of Taber



Photo of July 24th, 1904 float taken in front of the school house. Left to right, Lenora Collett, Nellie Evans, Marietta VanOrman, Lois Workman, Goldie Wing, Francis Russell, Sarah Lindsay, W F Russell, Josephine Francis and B. R. McMullen standing on ground.



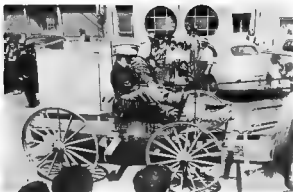
A 1935 duplicate of the 1904 float with four of the original members present Mrs. T. Hodgson, W F Russell, B. R. McMullen and Francis Russell. Eldon Litchfield is the driver of the team of white horses.



An old time werry in the Jubilee parade on Monday, the 8th of September. From right to left Mayor Carl C. Cook, former Mayor L. T. Westlake, former Mayor Douglas Miller and Paul Lynchak, the driver of team owned by Andy Chontosh.



In the Monday Jubilee parade, this Chinese float won first prize.



#### BUCKBOARD

In a recent May 34th Taber Rodeo parade, Mr. Vancleave was the driver of this buckboard and team outfit. There is the following sign on the buckboard, "Charley Furman's Parents Drove This Buckboard Across The Plains in 1848."



#### COVERED WAGON

In the Jubilee parade held on the 5th of September, 1908, this old pioneer wagon with a team owned and driven by Leslie Bigelow and Bruce White with the loud speaker was an interesting oldtime exhibit. This old wagon was parked around the back alleys of Taber for years and if anyone knows where it came from and who brought it into the country, the writer would like to record the history.



**Johnny Longden Day** parade held on Wednesday, September 7, 1933, from the Community Centre, led by a group of majorettes and the Taber district band with Loren A. Easthope as leader. In the forefront of the parade, four drum majorettes carried a large banner which read "Welcome Back To Taber, Johnny Longden."



**Johnny Longden** on a spirited Palomino leading the parade of cowboys through the streets of Taber, on their way to the stampede grounds for a special event: amateur Jubilee Rodeo.



At the Stampede Grounds Johnny Longden rode in the grand entry, and later galloped his horse around the infield. From left to right, Harold Collett, Claude Vancleave, Gordon Hall, Tucky Wills, Frank Clawson, Johnny Longden and Bob Paterson. Johnny was escorted into the arena by a color guard and the music of the Taber district band.



Johnny Longden on a proud-looking Palomino, named Taffy, owned by Gordon Hall. Johnny is a Taber boy who began riding ponies at a very early age, and has won success as one of North America's most successful jockeys. He has been world champion three times, ridden in 25,000 races, won 4,000 races and the horses ridden have earned in first money \$17,000,000.



#### JOHNNY LONGDEN AND DR. A. HAMMAN

It was a great day for Taber and Johnny Longden, Wednesday, when the veteran race rider returned to the southern Alberta community as guest of honor during the windup of Jubilee celebrations. Longden is pictured with Taber's Dr Alfred Hamman, a life-long friend who was family physician to the Longdens for many years. Photo taken at the banquet in the Taber Community Centre.





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COSTUMES OF THE "ROARING TWENTIES"

# History Recalled at Oldtimers' Banquet

History of Little Rock was recalled at the start of a banquet tendered them on Wednesday of Jubilee Week by the Jubilee Committee. The first part of the dinner program recognized the appearance of the oldtimers at the annual Little Rock Fair. The program was a most interesting one, and the guests of honor were most graciously entertained. The banquet was held at the Hotel Little Rock, and the program was most interesting. The guests of honor were most graciously entertained. The banquet was held at the Hotel Little Rock, and the program was most interesting.

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"Two Little Girls in Blue" portrayed the first kindergarten ever held. It was depicted across the stage complete in blue dress, as did each other and Miss Webb.

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Mrs. Donald Yell modeled her own black velvet dress, worn at the wedding of her son, Donald Yell, by a strange character named "Piers" dressed as one of the guests of honor. The guests of honor were most graciously entertained. The banquet was held at the Hotel Little Rock, and the program was most interesting.

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The "The Gay Nineties Revue" played to a full house in the Community Centre on both Monday and Tuesday nights, the 5th and 6th of September. The "Revue" was produced and directed by Ab Chervinski, chairman of the Jubilee celebration.



A lovely "Chorus of Girls" opened the stage show with some of the old familiar songs. "In Good Old Taber Town" to the tune of "In The Good Old Summer Time," "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," "Merry Oldsmobile," "Spinning Wheel" and "O Sole Mio" in Italian by Dick Garrauso. Then a minstrel show with the usual songs of the darkies, and the conclusion with "Auld Lang Syne" and "Happy Birthday" to Taber and Alberta. The musical director was Miss Melyne Gregus, and pianists, Mrs. Corrine Kiniburgh and Miss Marian Jorgenson.



#### SIEBERT

Photo of Vic Siebert and his "Sons Of The Saddle." From left to right, John Allen, Lennie Siebert, Dan Wood, Gene Siebert and Vic Siebert. Bottom row Lorraine Siebert, Roy Warhurst and Connie Holt.

It was indeed a treat to hear this local group on the one hour special CBC musical broadcast on the night of September first, honouring Alberta's Golden Jubilee.



*Aerial View of Tuber*

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## Thank You Pioneer Families

A year ago in July 1955, the early objective was a picture history booklet of about seventy five pages and a hundred or more of old time pictures.

The interest and response with pictures from the pioneer families was great or than anticipated and has indeed been very gratifying.

As the work progressed in making up a fifty year record of pictures, it revealed an opportune time to also include brief reports on the agricultural and economic achievements of the town and district.

This plan was fortunately adopted and the result is a booklet containing 184 pages, more than double the size of early planning and a printing objective by the end of the year. Some of the best and most informative pictures have been secured during the winter months which is the reason it has taken a year been secured during the winter months which is the reason it has taken a year.

In 1911 as secretary of the Taber Agricultural Society I published in the annual price but a short sketchy seven year history of Taber. In that early period of homesteading days, it was based only on future hopes for farming and the coal mining industry.

However today after fifty years from horse to tractor power wheat farming, and thirty years of irrigated specialty crops for sugar beet and canning factories, there has been achieved a good paying agricultural economy for the surrounding district and Town of Taber.

The booklet has been compiled with a hope that it will serve as a permanent and frequently used fifty year report of the town and district, and that the pictures of pioneer organizations may include some of your relatives or special friends who gave so generously of their time and resources to establish this prosperous community.

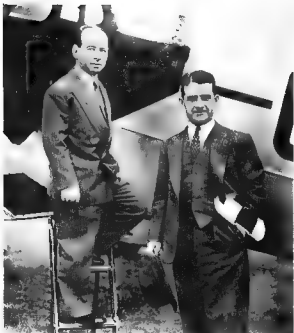
I wish to thank all the business firms who have advertised in this booklet, which will materially help to meet the cost of publication. Two thousand copies will be printed, with one free copy to each advertiser and one free copy to each family or person loaning their pictures, and the remaining booklets will be sold at \$1.00 each at the office of the Taber Times.

All the original pictures have been photographed at the Loebe Studio, Taber where negatives are available if you wish to purchase extra prints. In a few cases some of the originals have been secured from Howard E. Francis, a local photographer. Some of the fifty year old pictures have faded out somewhat through time which you will observe throughout the booklet.

I appreciate the valued assistance and suggestions from Charles Edwards, Arthur H. Avery and John G. Barton, as members of the booklet committee.

Of Booklet Committee

TED SUNDAL, Chairman



#### FLASH

Just at the time of finishing publication of a 174 page, picture history booklet, Johnny Longden at Del Mar, California, on Labor Day Monday, Sept. 3, 1956, made racing history and broke a world record to register a total of 4,871 victories. The previous mark of 4,874 was held by Sir Gordon Richards of England.

Fortunately the booklet is a loose leaf system, which makes it possible in a last minute opportunity to include an additional ten pages of pictures and press information on the amazing life story of Johnny Longden.

A year ago on the 7th of September, when Johnny was an honoured guest at the three day Gordon Jubilee celebration held in Taunton the published wins were 4,874. There is now a gain of 277 for the year, which is truly an astonishing achievement and was thought possible twelve months ago.

The photo below of Johnny Longden and Sir Gordon Richards was taken two years ago at Lympne Airport, Kent, England.



IN THE OPENING race on the card, Longden was third aboard Miss Armed. He got Miss Armed into the lead at the point of the six furlongs event dropped back from the good beginning and then came with a rush through the stretch to catch the shoe possessor behind Street War and Northridge. Miss Armed was fourth-two in the early going.

Ahead of the first three in the second race, Longden gave the show to the other two and finished ahead of them both. Northridge was second and Street War third.

Longden made a bang but did not develop in his third race but after leading the field on the turn he found his momentum fading as the stretch drew to a close and up ahead of him, Northridge, Street War and

Longden finished the race in the fourth race.

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# The Morning After

by Frank McCool

**DYLAN** MAR made it a long way from the backing arena at Taber, Alberta to the fourth winner's circle at the last race track between legitimate Southern jurisdictions.

A year ago he was in the stands at Taber and we married an Englishman. He is a man of handsome and has been a success in the past and is a good one in the future.

Far from the glitter and glamour that has become an integral part of the thoroughbred sport, Longden looked right at home. He was among friends, farmers, businessmen and Indians, many of whom remembered him when he was a "mucker" working with his father in a Taber store.

A night Longden had been in his room at he addressed a gathering of old friends at the Taber Community Centre.

In a speech befitting the greatest athlete in modern times, he told them it was not through their help that he was able to attain the pinnacle of success in the racing world.

He thanked them with full appreciation and promised to do all in his power to live up to the esteem in which they held him.

**HE** went to the pool for the seventh time tied with Mr. Gordon Richards as the number of racing victories and during the running of the event it appeared as though he was on his way to a new record. Leading coming into the nine-sixteenth his mount, Section number was broken a nose in the final stride.

Everyone thought that was the big chance and that Longden would have a short another day before taking over the championship title.

But the four gamblers bounced back in the same fashion. He has given his mount more than he has given himself. He made it stick with Arrogance in the eighth and featured him by coming through with a riding lesson that showed the many thousands in attendance and assured himself a new name in sportsmen's Hall of Fame.

As a sports' celebrity, the 184-pound Longden ranks with such towering giants as Jack Dempsey, Babe Ruth, Bobby Jones and Ty Cobb. He has studied his game so deeply into the record book it will never be erased.

The journey Longden is he appeared in the backing arena at Taber and was then his presence in the horse-racing world was at its low. Mar Monday was finished by a new play's day-farmer and racing interests. The big drama for the registration career of this game little man of the saddle.

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**F**ROM a humble and austere beginning he has climbed the ladder of success to a profession in which hard knocks abound a profession that demands blood, tears and sweat as payment for world recognition.

None can deny that Gordon made it on his own merits. He is a champion among champions and it is only fitting that he should wear the climax of a brilliant career by becoming the world's leading rider in number of victories.

Fittingly enough, the record was achieved with the same show of will-power and determination that has highlighted Longdon's long march to the heights of the racing world.

He experienced the pangs of disappointment and then the rich rewards of victory in two races which wrote a new page in the annals of the Thoroughbred sport in this continent.

In 36 years of race riding, his mounts have earned better than \$15,000,000. They've brought him fame and fortune. He won the Triple crown, most cherished of American races with the brilliant Mount Fleet. He's won other rich and coveted stakes. The Santa Anita Handicap has fallen to him four times with Thunder Up, Peer Moonraker and Bobby Briscoe. He's won the Hollywood Gold Cup three times - with Near Royal Sovereign and Correspondent.

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**F**rom three different years—1928, 1947 and 1948—Longdon has been the national riding champion and in two other years—1942 and 1945—Johnny has been money-winning champion of the country.

Not wishing to take any credit from Sir Gordon Richards, I would agree that Longdon is a good man to own the title of leading rider of the world because the English-born veteran is truly an international rider.

Unlike Sir Gordon, who confined virtually all of his riding in England, Johnny has won races in seven different countries: the United States, Canada, England, Cuba, Mexico, Ireland and Australia.

The saga of Johnny Longdon is not yet completed and it's expected he will go on to greater riding fame before he hangs up his tack for the last time.

Meanwhile his fine example will be an incentive to youngsters in all walks of life, particularly those who aspire to turning their livelihood to race riding.

On November 21, this Larchmont rider had a close brush with death in a track accident before the start of a race at Golden Gate Fields in California. He was brought up in a cage in the last parade for the second race when the horse whirled and toppled over the outside fence in front of the stands.

The three-time national riding champion lay unconscious at the bottom of a drainage ditch with the horse sprawled on top of him. For Johnny's right leg was wedged in the rail.

Jersey Bay Turk, an Hibernian, the ultimate savior, was waiting for his horse race behind. Turk leaped to the ground and rushed to the aid of Longdon, a close friend.

"WHEN I GOT to him he was not dead," Turk said later. "I'm going a hell of a way within a half hour of Johnny's head. I held the horse and then when Johnny's leg lay suddenly there out I guess it was a reflex action. I grabbed it with a sportsman's hold the horse."

"I was praying silently and Dr. L. J. Cook, track veterinarian, 'that the horse would not kick or throw about. It was plain that if the horse either kicked or thrashed, he would back on Longdon's skull. John had to be freed before the horse was even 10 seconds breaking I caught a leg."

Longdon was badly shaken up but suffered no serious injury, thanks to the quick action of career saviors.

He was back in the saddle at Santa Anita a month later. It was a 17-year-old apprentice. At that time he said, "I'm going right on riding for a good while maybe I can make the 1,000 start in my own career and I've got to admit I've been mighty lucky during my life as regards health."

"I've had only three bad times all the time I have been riding. During his 'convalescence' Longdon found himself with a ranching man, Red's, place that was being following the latter's debut in the English St. Leger, won by Near Bay Day. The next race was held at Santa Anita a turf course.

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# Johnny Longden

## Had Poor Start

### Longden's Lifetime Record

Since the day two decades ago when western Canadian racing graduated from the bush track era, many great riders have paved their trade on the pasture.

But when the great days are taken in the hand of short-legged little Johnny Longden who came out of a cow town in the Taber country, climbed to the pinnacle in the bookie game and has now become the world's No. 1 jockey with 4,811 winners.

There wasn't any fairy godmother in the prearranged rags to riches transformation of the young Westerner who started out following his father's footsteps in the mines.

For two years after leaving school Johnny was a teacher in a mine in southern Alberta but even then he hoped to get away from the back-breaking job. He found a friend to foster this hope in Hans Wright of Cambridge who persuaded Johnny's dad to let him have a shot at the race tracks.

In 1927 young Longden went to Salt Lake City and a colored gentleman named Young gave him a mount on a horse called Hugo K. After things weren't going too well, however, and the budding rider and his colored employer often went hungry.

Just historians have recorded that Johnny won his first race on the Hugo but others who were there claim the real triumph of his career was on a mare called All Mom.

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 Whichever it was makes little difference for about that time things weren't going too well for young Longden. One day, feeling particularly homesick, he wandered through the parking lot at the track and came to an auto with Alberta license plates.

Harry Young, now a company sergeant major in the Royal Canadian Engineers at Calgary, was the proprietor of the track. He had gone there to pick up a cheap horse or so for himself and his partner, Harvey McFarlane, but like Johnny he wasn't having much luck.

As Young approached the car that day the young lad sitting on the bumper queried, "Hello, mister are you from Alberta?"

Young admitted he was and after the two had spoken of the bookie's province they rode back from the track together. Five or six days later they headed for Calgary.

It was then that Johnny, still following his plan to become a race rider, went to work in the late Wire cigar store operated by M. Farlane and Young. He was so short, however, that the partners had to build a stand behind the counter so Johnny could look over the shoulders to wait on customers.

Year	Months	Sts	Wins	Loss
1927	12	1	3	4
1928	12 1/2	13	30	16
1929	12	36	34	16
1930	12	75	57	18
1931	7 1/2	142	116	26
1932	12	166	121	45
1933	7 1/2	97	74	23
1934	12 1/2	167	79	88
1935	12	100	60	40
1936	11 1/2	271	170	101
1937	12	147	128	19
1938	11 1/2	226	168	58
1939	12	211	171	40
1940	10 1/2	160	107	53
1941	12 1/2	174	128	46
1942	12 1/2	130	122	8
1943	12 1/2	172	148	24
1944	12	166	99	67
1945	7 1/2	130	113	17
1946	12	167	134	33
1947	12 1/2	214	169	45
1948	12 1/2	219	153	66
1949	12	211	141	70
1950	12 1/2	220	160	60
1951	12 1/2	220	173	47
1952	12 1/2	220	170	50
1953	12 1/2	190	148	42
1954	12 1/2	170	128	42
1955	12 1/2	140	120	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>241 1/2</b>	<b>4646</b>	<b>3749</b>	<b>897</b>

100,000 net win

It is estimated that Johnny Longden has ridden more than four times around the world on horseback in his lengthy career as a jockey. About 25,000 miles of this is in actual racing.

Young Langdon's hopes of becoming a jockey were not dimmed, however, and when 1928 rolled around he journeyed to Cardross track, the old turf course west of Calgary. Later the same year he rode his first winner in the west Jacques Brathart's *Santa Stranger*. Johnny is so there on his way. He went to work for E. A. "Woody" Armstrong who was training for the late Fred Johnston and for the next four years spring his trade on the prairie he became a master of the riding art.

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That same year he rode for Don Grant at Vancouver and finally Alf Tarr, the Winnipegger who has made good on an earnest wish of the border persuaded him to crash the "Big Time".

Around from the start the natural highlight was a success. Then he gained prominence by riding Tarr's *Bank* away to two Derby victories on successive days.

After that his success first string rider for A. A. Barnes and Top Row and Time Supply were just hop of the stars which reaped to victory under his deftful handling.

Langdon was at the top and because of that he could pick and choose his mounts but in 1930 ill-health forced him into semi-retirement. That same year however he returned as first string leader for the powerful *Whisper* stable trained by Sam's Jim Fitzsimmons.

The year 1930 was Johnny's big year. That season he posted no less than 136 winners to gain the most coveted riding "bank" that of world's leading jockey. The record since was it by a wide margin with 19 victories more than his closest North American rival Johnny Adams, and 20 more than England's Gordon Richards.

Johnny continued his winning ways until, in 1942, he achieved another triumph when by leading the youth rider in history to win the American "Triple Crown."

Aboard the Herts Hurricane *Conant Fleet* Johnny accounted for the Kentucky Derby the Frodoona and the Belmont.

From that modest start Johnny Langdon has gone a long way in the turf world. Today he ranks with the top champions of sport with the Tidona, *Impresso*, *Native* and *Grange*.

The story of Johnny Langdon will stand always as an incentive for youngsters who come from the farms, cities and hamlets of the west to ply their trade as race riders.

A jockey's recipe for success on the track might be to choose a steady horse and stick with it. That's what Johnny Langdon did with *Conant Fleet*, and it led him to the "triple crown" of American racing. The five other jockeys who have turned the trick followed the same prescription.

The current champion blood rider who came out at a Triple Derby, rode only in '37 to earn fourfold gains in victories on the eastern tracks.

He rode straight and got on to the top seat of the leading jockeys in the United States, had ridden *Conant Fleet*, Mrs. John D. Ward's speedy mare, in all of his outings in 1932. He rode the *Conant* in six triumphs, among them the Kentucky Derby, the Frodoona and the Belmont Stakes — the triple crown.

ONLY SIX THROU-GOING jockeys have won the big Derby, and only in three years — 1919. The others were for *Baron* in 1919; *Golden Fox* in 1920; *Omaha*, with *War Admiral* in 1935 and *Whirlaway*, who had to make three starts to approximate triumph in the Derby, Frodoona and Belmont each year — also in all three by the same jockey.

Johnny Langdon looked for *Baron* to be the next star, in 1919 and it didn't take him long to say. He showed that *Whisper* stable could take the Derby, too. *Conant Fleet* to lead that year, too, in 1919. With Langdon riding the mare, the first horse in racing history was to win the *Way* of American turf of the great three-year old stakes of the American turf.

The other jockey — found it years to go and the — is a good encouragement to the *Whisper* stable, who rode *Golden Fox* to his 1919 victories. W. Saunders, with *Omaha*, and C. Karsinger with *War Admiral*, one of the great *Way* of *Edna* jockeys rode *Whirlaway* to his most important triumph of 1935. The Derby, Frodoona and Belmont.

#### RECENT RACING NEWS

Came to 1937 — 1938 — Langdon's mounts over the years have played in the history.

# Many Pay Tribute To Johnny

Johnny, then, in following years, the official demand and reward in the many law branches, even today.

It is a great thing, indeed, that the three daughters of "Johnny" have a father who is dead and yet is remembered more than any other man because he is remembered by so many of the people of the world.



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# Longden On Setting Mark

**B. N. Patachi, Editor — When many Longfellow, a little English say boys of the front porch I**



When his parents made an offer of \$400,000 to buy the company, they were told that the company was worth \$1 million. The company was then sold to a private equity firm for \$1 million.

As he galloped down the road, his little short legs barely touching the horse's back, I wondered how he would ever stay on old Pecos. I guess he was born with that balance and how for a horse, which has been his greatest treasure, which has been his greatest desire to become the world's fastest locker.

STAYS OFF TO YOU JOINTLY!  
**LOW DAVIES, OPERATING**  
 manager of Western news books—  
 Harding man Johnny Louden

ride his first winner in Calgary nearly 20 years ago. It was a real thrill in real estate. I heard he had become the world's champion locker.



great achievement—means and a medal.

Good God, Mayor of Toledo--  
Well done Johnny! I know I speak  
for the town and district of Toledo.



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Figure 1. The effect of the number of trials on the number of correct responses. The number of correct responses was significantly higher for the 10-trial condition than for the 5-trial condition. Error bars represent the standard error of the mean.

the following:

**J. F. Harshbarger, President**  
**Tobacco Chamber of Commerce—**  
The Tobacco Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture joins with Johnny Longden's party



that Johnny spent his boyhood and early manhood here and still calls Taber his home town.

## Pest Langgden

Always successful, January  
Laughing men roared against a win-  
ning jockey. It was at Agua  
Caliente in Mexico, just across the  
border from California, on Dec-  
ember 14, 1920.

Wanda Davis, of Redlands, California placed Northwest across the finish line a length and three-quarters ahead of Gray Speed, ridden by Loughan, in a six-furlong stakes race.

We wish him even greater success in the future, because we know that his personal accomplishments must will only serve to equip him as to many more winning moments and a record which will stand far above to come. Johnny will always be welcome in Tulsa. "The Community with an Assured Future."

**MURRAY LATOCHA, Publicly  
Directed Air Warfare and Terrorism**

**The retirement of Johnny Long, then in nothing is more fitting than his setting a world riding record.**



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enough to at-  
tained that "single word," but  
never forgotten westerner and  
his return here had return when  
he engaged in a match race at  
Victoria Park, officials in the A.C.T.

Racing has been good to Longfellow but Longfellow has been good for racing and the 'Stud, in proving that one of his own most 'best' breds a mare that will long stand in the memory of the turf.



(Alberten Wirephotos)  
From left are his son Eric, 13, Longden, his daughter,  
Andrea 9, and his wife, Hazel.



**JOHNNY LONGDEN** and his wife  
posed for the above photo during  
a visit to Calgary. Longden had  
hoped to set the new world mark  
in honor of their 13th wedding  
anniversary last Saturday.



